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SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 - RELIEF REQUEST FOR RIVER BEND NUCLEAR STATION (TAC NO. M90975)

Dear Mr. McGaha:

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Based on our review, we conclude that relief is not required for VRR-71 if OM-10 of the ASME OM Standard is applied, and the alternative testing proposed by VRR-72 regarding stroke-time testing is acceptable. Therefore, use of OM-10 is approved pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(f)(4)(iv), and the proposed alternative to the Code stroke-time testing requirements as described in VRR-72 is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) based on the alternative providing an acceptable level of quality and safety.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY: D. Wigginton for
William D. Beckner, Project Director
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Division of Reactor Projects III/IV
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-458

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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