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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION OF RELIEF REQUESTS FOR THE SECOND INTERVAL PUMP  
AND VALVE INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM - LASALLE COUNTY STATION,  
UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M90706 AND M90707)

Dear Mr. Farrar:

By letter dated October 13, 1995, you submitted your Revision 1 to the second ten-year interval, pump and valve inservice testing (IST) program for LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2. This Revision superseded Revision 0 dated October 14, 1994, and contained 12 relief requests for NRC review.

The Code of Federal Regulations, 10 CFR 50.55a, requires that IST of certain American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code) Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves be performed in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Code and applicable addenda, except where relief has been requested and granted or proposed alternatives have been authorized by the Commission pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(f)(6)(i), (a)(3)(i), or (a)(3)(ii). In order to obtain authorization or relief, the licensee must demonstrate that (1) conformance is impractical for its facility; (2) the proposed alternative provides an acceptable level of quality and safety; or (3) compliance would result in a hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety. Section 50.55a(f)(4)(iv) provides that inservice tests of pumps and valves may meet the requirements set forth in subsequent editions and addenda that are incorporated by reference in Section 50.55a(b), subject to the limitations and modifications listed, and subject to Commission approval.

For RP-01, interim relief is granted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(f)(6)(i) for a period of 1 year or until the next refueling outage, whichever is longer. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii), RP-02 and RP-03 are authorized with provisions. RV-01 should be expanded to show that the guidance of GL 89-04, Position 2, is met. For RV-02, RV-03, RV-04, RV-05, RV-06, RV-07, RV-08 and RV-09, no relief from IST requirements is required.

The staff has determined that granting relief pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a (f)(6)(i) and authorizing alternatives pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property, or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. In making this

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determination, the staff has considered the impracticality of performing the required testing and the burden on the licensee if the requirements were imposed.

The enclosed safety evaluation provides the results of the staff's review of the subject relief requests.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
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Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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