

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20666

April 24, 1992

Docket No. 50-368

Mr. Neil S. Carns Vice President, Operations ANO Entergy Operations, Inc. Route 3 Box 137G Russellville, Arkansas 72801

Dear Mr. Carns:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO USE ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 50.55a, "CODES AND STANDARDS," FOR ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 2 (ANO-2) (TAC NO. M83204)

By letter dated April 22, 1992, Entergy Operations, Inc., requested approval to use the 1989 Edition of Section XI of of the ASME Code in repairing the ANO-2 steam generators (SGs). The licensee requested that the approval of the relief be granted in order to support the startup of ANO-2 by April 27, 1992.

The staff recognizes that the licensee did not promptly identify the discrepancy between the welders' qualifications and the ANO-2 code of record. However, because of the unanticipated nature of the SG outage and the licensee's recent decision to pull SG tubes for testing, the NRC staff expedited its review. The staff's findings are contained in the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE). Based on the information provided, the staff concluded that approval of the proposed alternatives may be granted. Approval of the request is based on the level of quality and safety provided by the alternatives pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). Approval of the request will not endanger line or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest, giving due consideration to the burden upon the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility.

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Sincerely,

Original signed by Paul W. O'Connor for:

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