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SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 - INSERVICE INSPECTION RELIEF FOR
INTEGRALLY WELDED ATTACHMENTS, CODE CASE N-509, FOR RIVER BEND
STATION (TAC NO. M93769)

Dear Mr. McGaha:

By letter dated September 25, 1995, Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) submitted a request for relief to the first 10-year interval inservice inspection program plan regarding integrally-welded attachments for the River Bend Station. Additional information was provided by letter dated December 14, 1995. The December 14, 1995, letter also superseded a letter dated November 11, 1995, which provided only partial information.

EOI requested relief from the requirements contained in Table IWB/C-2412-1 of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section XI pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6) and approval, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3), for the use of Code Case N-509, "Alternative Rules for the Selection and Examination of Classes 1, 2, and 3 Integrally Welded Attachments, Section XI, Division 1," as an alternative to the ASME Section XI requirements in effect at River Bend Station.

The staff's Safety Evaluation (Enclosure 1) and our contractor's Technical Letter Report (Enclosure 2) are enclosed. Based on the information submitted, we conclude that the EOI proposed alternative to use Code Case N-509 together with the commitment to schedule a minimum of 10% of all integral attachments in non-exempt Code Class 1, 2, and 3 systems will provide an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, the EOI proposed alternative to use Code Case N-509 is authorized, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(3)(i) as requested. In addition, we have concluded that relief from the completion percentage

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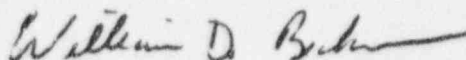
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requirements of Section XI, Paragraphs IWB/C-2412-1 is not required due to current scheduling in conjunction with authorization to use Code Case N-509.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 1. Safety Evaluation
2. Technical Letter Report

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