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Gentlemen:

ASME SECTION III, EXEMPTION FROM NDE FOR SMALL DIAMETER PIPES AND FITTINGS HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION DOCKET NO. 50-354

Public Service Electric and Gas Company requests permission to adopt the provisions of NB-2510 in the 1983 Edition, Summer 1983 Addenda of ASME Section III, whereas the Code of Record is the 1974 Edition, Winter 1974 Addenda. The provisions of NB-2510 in the 1983 Edition, Summer 1983 Addenda of ASME Section III allows the use of seamless pipe, tubes, and fittings, 1 in. nominal pipe size and less, without being examined by nondestructive methods. The Code of Record requires the examination by nondestructive methods of these pipes, tubes, and fittings.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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