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April 29, 1996

SUBJECT: CODE CASE N-533 AUTHORIZATION FOR ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 2
(TAC NO. M94386)

Dear Mr. Yelverton:

This letter is a response to your request dated December 28, 1995, to use Code Case N-533 at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit-2 (ANO-2) during the second 10-year inservice inspection program. Code Case N-533 provides an alternative to ASME Section XI Code requirements pertaining to visual examinations of insulated pressure-retaining bolted connections.

The evaluation of your request was performed by our contractor, the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL). The INEL Technical Letter Report was reviewed and endorsed by a safety evaluation (SE) (Enclosure 1) written by the NRC staff. The Technical Letter Report (Enclosure 2) and the staff's SE are enclosed. Both documents conclude that your proposed alternate examination provides an acceptable level of quality and safety during the examination of insulated pressure-retaining bolted connections. The use of Code Case N-533 is authorized at ANO-2 per the conditions stipulated in the enclosed evaluations.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
William D. Beckner, Director
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Docket No. 50-368

Enclosures: 1. Safety Evaluation
2. Technical Letter Report

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