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Dear Mr. Utley:

SUBJECT: INSERVICE TEST RELIEF REQUEST - EXCESS FLOW CHECK VALVES

Re: Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2

By letters dated May 2, 1985 and July 5, 1985, you requested relief from certain inservice testing requirements of the ASME Code pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g). Relief was requested from the requirements for exercising and leak rate testing of Reactor Instrumentation Protection *RIP) and the excess flow check valves on instrumentation lines penetrating primary containment. In lieu of the ASME Code requirements, you proposed to test these valves in accordance with the current Technical Specification requirements for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant Units 1 and 2.

Our detailed review of your proposal is not yet complete. However, our preliminary review indicates that imposition of the ASME Code requirements from which relief was requested in your May 2, and July 5, 1985 letters would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without compensating increase in the level of quality or safety. Therefore, we have concluded that a grant of relief from the above-described ASME Code requirements, until the staff has completed its detailed review of your request, is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defence 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 upon the facility. That relief is hereby granted. Therefore. you are authorized to exercise and test the RIP and excess flow bleck valves on instrumentation lines penetrating primary containment in accordance with Technical Specifications until completion of our detailed review of your proposal submitted by letters dated May 2 and July 5, 1985.

Sincerely,

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