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July 2, 1997

SUBJECT: RELIEF REQUEST 1.4.2 REGARDING INSERVICE TESTING - MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M95467 AND M95468)

Dear Mr. Barron:

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Your proposal lists the FD pumps as ASME Code Class 3. Section 50.55a of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) requires inservice testing for Class 3 reactor components. Therefore, the FD pumps may not be excluded from the IST program. However, you have determined that inservice testing of the FD pumps in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Code is impractical, and have proposed alternative testing in the Supplemental Test Program. Based on our review of your revised relief request, we find that the proposed alternative, with the conditions specified in the enclosed Safety Evaluation, will provide an acceptable level of quality and safety for assuring the operational readiness of the diesel fuel oil transfer pumps. Therefore, the alternative testing is authorized pursuant to paragraph (a)(3)(i) of 10 CFR 50.55a.

Sincerely,

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