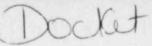


## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555 May 2, 1988



Docket No. 50-482

Mr. Bart D. Withers
President and Chief Executive Officer
Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
Post Office Box 411
Burlington, Kansas 66839

Dear Mr. Withers:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM SECTION XI OF ASME CODE

REQUIREMENT (TAC NO. 67580)

The NRC staff has completed its review of your submittal dated March 22, 1988. Your submittal requested relief from Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code) for the Wolf Creek Generating Station to permit the following use of non-Code construction parts in Code classed components:

- Use of a non-Code construction stem/disc assembly as an interim replacement for the required Code construction stem/disc assembly in the reactor coolant pump seal water injection throttling, valve BG V200, and;
- Use of a non-Code construction packing box assembly as an interim replacement for the Code required packing box assembly in pressurizer spray valve BB PCV 455R.

The staff has reviewed your submittal and has concluded that:

- In the case of reactor coolant pump seal water injection throttling valve BG V200, the valve was manufactured in complete accordance with the Code and is of acceptable quality, and;
- With regard to pressurizer spray valve BB PCV 455B packing box assembly, you have adequately verified that the assembly will provide an acceptable level of safety for interim plant operation.

The staff has determined pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). that compliance with the Code would result in hardship for the licensee without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety.

Based upon our reviews we have concluded that your requested relief may be granted and the plant may continue to operate until the next refueling outage.

A copy of the staff's related Safety Evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely

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Paul W. O'Connor, Project Manager Project Directorate - IV Division of Reactor Projects - III, IV, V and Special Projects

Enclosure: As stated

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The staff has determined pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50.55a(g)(6)(i), that the granting of this relief is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. In making this determination, we have given due consideration to the burden that could result if these requirements were imposed on the facility.

Based upon our reviews we have concluded that your requested relief may be granted and the plant may continue to operate until the next refueling outage.

A copy of the staff's related Safety Evaluation is enclosed.

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Paul W. O'Connor, Project Manager Project Directorate - IV Division of Reactor Projects - III, IV, V and Special Projects

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