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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF 01A-VRR-1 FROM INSERVICE TESTING OF
 AUTOMATIC DEPRESSURIZATION SYSTEM SAFETY RELIEF VALVES AT
 PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 (TAC NOS.
 MA1741 AND MA1742

Dear Mr. Edwards:

By a letter dated May 1, 1998; PECO Energy Company (the licensee) requested amendments to change the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS) Technical Specifications (TSs); and relief from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Operational Maintenance (OM) Code Inservice Testing (IST) requirements of plant Automatic Depressurization System (ADS) safety relief valves (SRVs). The request for amendments to the TSs will be addressed as a separate action. This action addresses the request for relief from ASME OM Code IST requirements.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff authorizes the proposed alternative to inservice testing of the ADS SRVs required by the ASME OM Code - 1990, paragraph ISTC 4.2 and paragraph I 3.4.1(d), Appendix I at PBAPS, Units 2 and 3.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's request and has determined that the licensee has demonstrated that the proposed alternative to Code requirements provides assurance of adequate valve performance, and compliance with the Code would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in quality and safety. Therefore, the proposed alternative testing is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). The staff's safety evaluation is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mohan C. Thadani at 301-415-1476.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-277 and 278

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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