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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION OF RELIEF REQUESTS FOR THE PUMP AND VALVE
INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM - EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT,
UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MA1296 AND MA1297)

Dear Mr. Sumner:

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The alternative proposed in Relief Request RR-P-15 is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) in that it provides an acceptable level of quality and safety. Relief Requests RR-V-7, RR-V-12, RR-V-14, and RR-V-15 are authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) in that it has been determined that compliance with the specific requirements results in a hardship without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety.

The details of the staff's review are provided in the enclosed Safety Evaluation. This completes the technical review performed by the staff under TAC numbers MA1296 and MA1297.

Sincerely,
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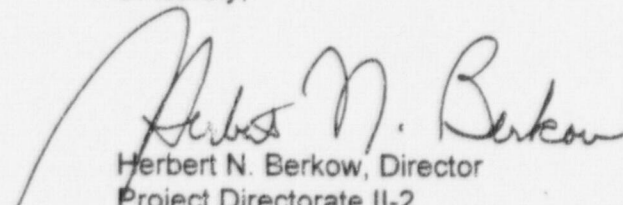
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