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December 11, 1998

SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF THE FIRST 10-YEAR INTERVAL INSERVICE INSPECTION
REQUEST FOR RELIEF NO. 97-004 FOR DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION -
MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. MA0707)

Dear Mr. Barron:

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Based on the information provided, and as discussed in the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE), and the attached Technical Letter Report, the staff concludes that the ASME Code examination requirements are impractical. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i), your request for relief is granted and the alternative imposed. The relief granted is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense 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 on the facility.

Sincerely,

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