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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
DOCKET NO. 50-261/LICENSE NO. DPR-23

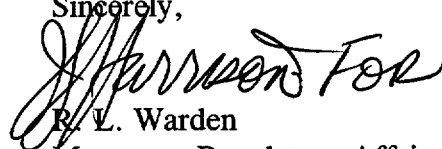
**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF RELIEF
REQUEST NO. 30, ULTRASONIC EXAMINATION OF
FULL PENETRATION NOZZLES IN VESSELS (EXAMINATION CATEGORY B-D)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated August 10, 2000, H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2, submitted Relief Request No. 30 for relief from the requirements of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code, Section XI, regarding Examination Category B-D for ultrasonic examination of full penetration welds for nozzles in vessels. Subsequent discussions with the NRC staff, combined with internal review of issues associated with ASME Code Case N-613, have resulted in a determination that relief under this code case is not viable. Therefore, this letter requests the withdrawal of Relief Request No. 30.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. H. K. Chernoff.

Sincerely,


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