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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 96-05, SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING
STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M97095 AND M97096)

Dear Mr. Keiser:

On September 18, 1996, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves," requesting that each nuclear power plant licensee establish a program, or ensure the effectiveness of its current program, to verify that safety-related motor-operated valves (MOVs) continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within the current licensing bases of the facility.

On November 18, 1996, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) submitted its 60-day response to GL 96-05 to notify the NRC that it would implement the requested MOV periodic verification program at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Salem). On March 13, 1997, PSE&G submitted its 180-day response to GL 96-05 providing a summary description of the MOV periodic verification program planned to be implemented at Salem. In a letter dated June 4, 1998, PSE&G updated its commitment to GL 96-05. On May 27, 1999, PSE&G provided a response to a request for additional information from the NRC staff dated March 23, 1999.

The NRC staff has reviewed PSE&G's submittals and the applicable NRC inspection reports for the MOV program at Salem. The staff finds that PSE&G has established an acceptable program to periodically verify the design-basis capability of the safety-related MOVs at Salem through its commitment to all three phases of the Joint Owners Group (JOG) Program on MOV Periodic Verification and the additional actions described in its submittals. As discussed in the attached safety evaluation (SE), the NRC staff concludes that PSE&G is adequately addressing the actions requested in GL 96-05. The NRC staff may conduct inspections at Salem to verify the implementation of the MOV periodic verification program is in accordance with the licensee's commitments, this SE, the NRC's SE dated October 30, 1997, on the JOG Program on MOV Periodic Verification, and the NRC's SE dated April 14, 1998, on the Westinghouse Owners Group methodology for ranking MOVs by their safety significance.

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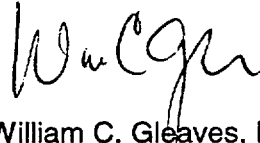
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This completes the staff's efforts on TAC Nos. M97095 and M97096. Please contact me at 301-415-1479 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. C. Gleaves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311

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