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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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**RESPONSE TO ISSUANCE OF ORDER ESTABLISHING INTERIM
INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEADS
AT PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS
SALEM GENERATING STATION UNITS 1 AND 2
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES NOS. DPR-70 AND DPR-75
DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311**

On February 11, 2003, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an order to modify the license for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2. This Order requires specific inspections of the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head and associated penetration nozzles at pressurized water reactors (PWRs). Prior to issuance of this order, the NRC issued a series of bulletins and other communications, including Bulletin 2002-02, "Reactor Pressure Vessel and Vessel Head Penetration Nozzle Inspection Programs," dated August 9, 2002. PSEG issued a letter dated September 6, 2002 that stated we would perform the inspections stated in the Bulletin for the next refueling outages.

By this letter, PSEG is consenting to this order. As of February 11, 2003, PSEG is in full compliance with the requirements as stated in Section IV of the Order. However, PSEG is currently reviewing accessibility associated with the required inspections. Should a need arise, a relief request in accordance Section IV F of the order will be submitted.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Michael Mosier at (856) 339-5434.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 3 MARCH 2003

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Carlin".

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