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SUBJECT: NOTICES OF CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSES AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING - SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING
STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2, AND HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
(TAC NOS. MA7776, MA7777, AND MA7778)

Dear Mr. Keiser:

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These notices are being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-272, 50-311, and 50-354

Enclosures: 1. Notice for Salem License Transfer
2. Notice for Hope Creek License Transfer

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS,
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the transfer of Facility Operating License No. DPR-70 for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1, and Facility Operating License No. DPR-75 for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2, to the extent currently held by Delmarva Power and Light Company (DP&L), and Atlantic City Electric Company (ACE). The transfer would be to PSEG Nuclear LLC. The Commission is also considering amending the licenses for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed transfer.

According to an application for approval filed by Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), PSEG Nuclear LLC, DP&L, and ACE, PSEG Nuclear would purchase DP&L's and ACE's collective 14.82-percent ownership interests in both units of the facility following approval of the proposed transfer of the licenses. Depending upon the timing of regulatory approvals being sought by PSEG Nuclear concerning other transfer matters not involving DP&L and ACE, as an interim step the interests of DP&L and ACE to be purchased by PSEG Nuclear may be transferred first to PSEG Power LLC, the parent of PSEG Nuclear, or to

PSE&G, and then to PSEG Nuclear. No physical changes to the Salem facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application.

The proposed amendments would remove references in the licenses to DP&L and ACE, and add references to PSEG Nuclear, as appropriate, to reflect the proposed transfer.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By March 9, 2000, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing, and, if not the applicants, may petition for

leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)-(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon counsel for PSEG Nuclear, LLC, Jeffrie J. Keenan, Esquire, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Nuclear Business Unit - N21, P.O. Box 236, Hancocks Bridge, NJ 08038 (tel: 856-339-5429, fax: 856-339-1234, and e-mail: jeffrie.keenan@pseg.com); the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: ogclt@nrc.gov); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by March 20, 2000, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these

comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated December 20, 1999, and supplement dated February 11, 2000, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 14th day of February 2000.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY

HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

DOCKET NO. 50-354

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AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

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