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**PETITION RULE PRM 50-68
(65FR1829)**

Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Comments Concerning "Petition for Rulemaking-Hydrogen Control Systems"
(65FR1829, dated January 12, 2000)

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is being submitted in response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) request for comments concerning "Petition for Rulemaking-Hydrogen Control Systems," which was published in the Federal Register (i.e., 65FR1829, dated January 12, 2000). The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations concerning hydrogen control systems at nuclear power plants. The petitioner believes that the current regulations on hydrogen control systems at some nuclear power plants are detrimental and present a health risk to the public. The petitioner believes the proposed amendments would eliminate those situations that present adverse conditions at nuclear power plants.

PECO Energy appreciates the opportunity to comment on the petition for rulemaking. PECO Energy supports the comments submitted on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, by the Nuclear Energy Institute.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

James A. Hutton, Jr.
Director - Licensing