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Subject: Comments Concerning "Staff Meetings Open to the Public: Proposed Policy Statement" (65FR3982, dated January 25, 2000)

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is being submitted in response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) request for comments concerning "Staff Meetings Open to the Public: Proposed Policy Statement," which was published in the Federal Register (i.e., 65FR3982, dated January 25, 2000). The NRC proposes to revise Section D of its current policy statement that the NRC follows in opening to public observation meetings between the NRC staff and one or more outside persons. The NRC proposes to announce via the internet from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>, its staff meetings that will be open to the public. The NRC proposes to discontinue announcing public staff meetings, meeting changes, and cancellations through its public meeting notice system provided by NRC's electronic bulletin board and a telephone recording, and through the weekly compilation of Press Releases and postings in the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR). The policy would also be amended to state that staff meetings will be announced as soon as the staff is certain that a meeting will be held and firm arrangements have been made, but generally no fewer than 10 calendar days before the meeting. The amended policy would eliminate the current practice of only posting meetings scheduled within 60 days.

PECO Energy appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed policy statement. PECO Energy supports the NRC's decision to amend Section D of its current policy statement as described in this notification.

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

Very truly yours,

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