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August 21, 2000

SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK - ISSUANCE OF CONFORMING AMENDMENT RE: TRANSFER
OF LICENSE FOR HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, TO THE EXTENT
HELD BY PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, TO PSEG
NUCLEAR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (TAC NO. MA9769)

Dear Mr. Keiser:

By Order dated February 16, 2000, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved the transfer of the license for the Hope Creek Generating Station (HCGS), to the extent held by Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), to PSEG Nuclear Limited Liability Company (PSEG Nuclear) and approved the conforming amendment pursuant to Sections 50.80 and 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. The Order was published in the *Federal Register* on February 23, 2000 (65 FR 8999).

By letter dated August 11, 2000, PSE&G notified the NRC that the closing of the license transfer is anticipated to occur on August 21, 2000, and that all regulatory approvals have been obtained to the extent necessary to proceed. In addition, on August 18, 2000, PSE&G provided documentary evidence that PSEG Nuclear obtained the appropriate amount of insurance required of licensees under 10 CFR Part 140 of the Commission's regulations.

Accordingly, the Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 129 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-57 for HCGS. The conforming amendment reflects the transfer of PSE&G's ownership of HCGS to PSEG Nuclear. The safety evaluation supporting the conforming amendment was enclosed with the Order issued on February 16, 2000.

Enclosure 2 contains six copies of Indemnity Agreement No. B-28 Amendment No. 24, which is required in connection with the transfer of the licence. Please keep five copies for your records and sign and return the other copy.

H. Keiser

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Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly *Federal Register* notice.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-354

Enclosures: 1. Amendment No. 129 to
License No. NPF-57
2. Indemnity Agreement

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HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 129
License No. NPF-57

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by the Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G) dated June 4, 1999, as supplemented October 22, 1999, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-57 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 129, and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, are hereby incorporated into the license. PSEG Nuclear LLC shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. The license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance, and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

/RA/

Samuel J. Collins, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment: Changes to License No. NPF-57 and
Appendices A, B, and C to the License

Date of Issuance: August 21, 2000

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 129

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-57

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Replace the following pages of the Facility Operating License, the Appendix "A" Technical Specifications, the Appendix "B" Environmental Protection Plan, and the Appendix "C" Additional Conditions with the attached revised pages. The revised pages are identified by Amendment number and contain marginal lines indicating the areas of change.

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