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Docket Nos: 50-387
and 50-388

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Dear Mr. Keiser:

Subject: Notice of Denial of Amendments - Susquehanna Steam
Electric Station, Units 1 and 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Notice of Denial of amendments. These proposed amendments would have changed the Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications as follows: (1) page 3/4 8-2 - revising Action d and (2) page 3/4 8-2 - revising Action e. The staff has denied this change to Action d and e based on the fact that your proposal for Action d would allow the operation of 2 Units in a condition in which A.C. power sources have been severely degraded and your proposal for Action e would reduce testing with no valid basis for the proposed reduction.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Notice of Denial

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
PENNSYLVANIA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-387 AND 50-388
NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENTS TO
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied in part requests by the licensee for amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22, issued to the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, for operation of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments was published in the Federal Register on October 9, 1985 (50 FR 41251).

The amendment proposed by the licensee, would change the Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specification as follows: (1) page 3/4 8-2 - revising Action d to allow only three diesels to be operable instead of four. The licensee also proposed to change the time necessary to restore both offsite circuits and has included a statement which would allow a diesel (the diesel removed from service for tie-in work) to remain inoperable provided it is inoperable for work connected with the tie-in work. The staff has denied this change to Action d based on the fact that the licensee's proposal would allow the operation of 2 Units in a condition in which A.C. power sources have been severely degraded. The staff has denied this change so that the licensee must abide by the previously issued Action d which does not allow the plants to remain at power for any appreciable amount of time if both offsite circuits are inoperable unless all diesel generators are operable. (2) page 3/4 8-2 - revising Action e to clarify that when the three diesel generators have been restored, a diesel generator may remain

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inoperable provided it is inoperable for work connected with the preparation for the installation of the fifth diesel generator. Additionally, the licensee would delete the requirement to perform Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.2.a.4 for one diesel generator at a time, within two hours. The staff has denied the licensee's proposal to delete this surveillance requirement. The Technical Specifications for both Units presently require doing this surveillance when in Action e, which is encountered when two or more of the required diesels are inoperable. The licensee proposed to delete Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.2.a.4 because one of the diesels would be declared inoperable because of the tie-in work. The staff believes that the reason for a diesel being out of service has no bearing on and does not justify deleting this requirement. The staff finds it unacceptable to reduce testing during an extended outage for one of the diesel generators when the reduced testing has no safety benefit. All other portions of the proposed amendments were granted on December 3, 1985, Amendment Nos. 51 and 19 to Units 1 and 2, respectively. Notice of issuance of Amendment Nos. 51 and 19 were published on December 18, 1985 (50 FR 51638).

By Feb 24, 1986, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denials described above and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must comply with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 10 CFR Part 2, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., by the above date.


A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director,

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Jay Silberg, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 1800 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

For further details with respect to this action see (1) the application for amendments dated December 21, 1984, as supplemented on July 1, August 7, August 23, and September 4, 1985, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated December 3, 1985, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 24th day of January 1986.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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