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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RELATED TO THE NAME CHANGE FROM  
PENNSYLVANIA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY TO PP&L, INC., SUSQUEHANNA  
STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MA1697 AND MA1699)

Dear Mr. Byram:

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The assessment is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,  
original signed by:

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DOCKET NOS. 50-387 AND 50-388  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF  
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22, issued to Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (the licensee), for operation of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Units 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Identification of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action would revise Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22, to reflect the change in the licensee's name from Pennsylvania Power & Light Company to PP&L, Inc.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated April 23, 1998.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is needed to have the licenses accurately reflect the new legal name of the licensee.

**Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:**

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed changes to the licenses. There will be no impact on the status of the Operating Licenses (OLs) or the continued operation of the SSES, since the proposed changes are solely administrative in nature. The proposed changes update the OLs so that references to the licensee's name will be consistent with the new corporate name, PP&L, Inc., of the licensee.

The proposed changes are administrative in nature and will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types or amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable occupational or public radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed changes are administrative in nature and do not involve any physical features of the plant. Thus, the proposed changes do not affect nonradiological plant effluents and have no other environmental impact.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

**Alternatives to the Proposed Action:**

Since the Commission has concluded there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (no-action alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for SSES, Units 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 21, 1998, the staff consulted with the Pennsylvania State official, Mr. M. Maingi of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Bureau, Division of Nuclear Safety, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated April 23, 1998, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 19464.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of September 1998.

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