

Docket No. 50-277

Philadelphia Electric Company
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Gentlemen:

The Commission has requested the Office of the Federal Register to publish the enclosed Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to the Facility Operating License for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit 2. The proposed amendment would modify the provisions in the Technical Specifications to authorize operation with (1) up to 188 GE 8 x 8 reload fuel assemblies, (2) four Lead Test Assemblies, (3) sixteen developmental fuel channels, (4) holes drilled in the lower tieplate of all reload 8 x 8 fuel bundles, and (5) a modified rod sequence control system. The action proposed is in accordance with your application for amendment dated March 22, 1976.

Sincerely,

George Lear, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #3
Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosure:
Federal Register Notice

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 50-277
PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-44 issued to Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company (the licensees), for operation of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit 2, located in Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania.

The amendment would revise the provisions in the Technical Specifications to authorize operation with (1) up to 188 GE 8 x 8 reload fuel assemblies, (2) four Lead Test assemblies, (3) sixteen developmental fuel channels, (4) holes drilled in the lower tie plate of all reload 8 x 8 fuel bundles, and (5) a modified rod sequence control system in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment, dated March 22, 1976.

Prior to issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations.

By May 26, 1976 the licensee may file a request for a hearing and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license. Petitions for leave to intervene must be

filed under oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.714 of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations. A petition for leave to intervene must set forth the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed licensing action. Such petitions must be filed in accordance with the provisions of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice and Section 2.714, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, by the above date. A copy of the petition and/or request for a hearing should be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Eugene J. Bradley, Assistant General Counsel, 2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101, the attorney for the licensees.

A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to both his interest and his contentions with regard to each aspect on which intervention is requested. Petitions stating contentions relating only to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction will be denied.

All petitions will be acted upon by the Commission or licensing board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Timely petitions will be considered to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate

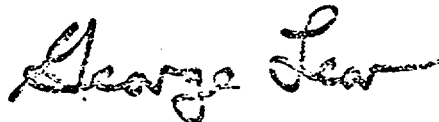
order issued regarding the disposition of the petitions.

In the event that a hearing is held and a person is permitted to intervene, he becomes a party to the proceeding and has a right to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing. For example, he may present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 22, 1976, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Martin Memorial Library, 159 E. Market Street, York, Pennsylvania 17401. The license amendment and the Safety Evaluation, when issued, may be inspected at the above locations and a copy may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 16 day of April 1976.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Lear".

George Lear, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #3
Division of Operating Reactors