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Sincerely,

for [Signature]
 Brian D. Parr, Chief
 Light Water Reactors Branch No. 3
 Division of Project Management

Enclosures:

1. Order
2. Staff Evaluation
3. Environ. Impact Appraisal
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An environmental impact appraisal and negative declaration have been prepared which conclude that the preparation of an environmental impact statement for this particular action is not warranted because there will be no environmental impact attributable to the Order other than that which has already been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2, published in April 1973.

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FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Domenic B. Vassallo, Acting Director
Division of Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Date of Issuance: OCT 23 1979

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Original signed by
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STAFF EVALUATION

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT COMPLETION DATE

SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2

DOCKET NO. 50-311

In letters dated March 30, 1979 and June 28, 1979, the Public Service Electric and Gas Company requested an extension of the construction completion date for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2 from May 1, 1979 to October 31, 1979. In its letter of June 28, 1979, the applicants advised us that construction and pre-operational testing of Salem, Unit 2 was substantially complete in mid-April 1979. In the first week of May, our Office of Inspection and Enforcement advised us that construction of Salem Unit 2 was essentially complete to permit fuel loading. However, in addition to assessing the impact of the Three Mile Island accident on the issuance of an operating license for Salem Unit 2, there remained several outstanding non Three Mile Island related licensing issues which had to be resolved prior to the issuance of an operating license for Salem Unit 2. These items developed during the course of our review of the Salem Unit 2 application for an operating license.

In the applicants' letter of June 28, 1979, the applicants' state and we concur that the occurrence at Three Mile Island has significantly affected the completion of the operating license review. Diversion of personnel at both NRC and the Public Service Electric and Gas Company to investigate and evaluate the Three Mile Island accident has delayed the licensing review process. The applicants further stated that it should be noted that the Commission at its May 21, 1979 meeting, recognized at least a three month delay in further licensing activities for commercial light water reactors.

On this basis the applicants requested an extension of the construction completion date from May 1, 1979 to October 31, 1979.

We have reviewed the information provided by the applicants. On the basis of (1) our review of the information provided by the applicants, and (2) the Office of Inspection and Enforcement's verification that the construction of Salem Unit 2 was essentially complete to permit fuel loading in the first week of May, we conclude that the applicants have provided adequate justification. We have also concluded that to cover uncertainties related to the issuance of

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operating licenses due to the Three Mile Island accident the completion date should be extended to May 1, 1980. In a letter dated September 27, 1979, to all operating license applicants we identified measures that should be taken in the short-term to reduce the likelihood of such accidents and to improve emergency preparedness in responding to such events. In addition, Commission review of the results of other investigations, including the Presidential Commission and the NRC's Special Inquiry Group, can be expected to lead to additional requirements. Any new safety requirements arising from these investigations will be evaluated to determine whether they are applicable to the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2 and will be applied to Unit 2 accordingly. The reason for extending the completion date is based upon the events of circumstances beyond the applicants control, which have or will occur, prior to the issuance of an operating license for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2.

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because this action does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered or a significant decrease in any safety margin, it does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this Order will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. Also, we reaffirm our conclusions as otherwise stated in our Safety Evaluation Report and its Supplements.

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STAFF EVALUATION

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT COMPLETION DATE

SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2

DOCKET NO. 50-311

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In the applicants' letter of June 28, 1979, the applicants' state and we concur that the occurrence at Three Mile Island has significantly affected the completion of the operating license review. Diversion of personnel at both NRC and the Public Service Electric and Gas Company to investigate and evaluate the Three Mile Island accident has delayed the licensing review process. The applicants further stated that it should be noted that the Commission at its May 21, 1979 meeting, recognized at least a three month delay in further licensing activities for commercial light water reactors.

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We have reviewed the information provided by the applicants. On the basis of (1) our review of the information provided by the applicants, and (2) the Office of Inspection and Enforcement's verification that the construction of Salem Unit 2 was essentially complete to permit fuel loading in the first week of May, we conclude that the applicants have provided adequate justification. We have also concluded that to cover uncertainties related to the issuance of operating licenses due to the Three Mile Island accident the completion date should be extended to May 1, 1980. In addition, Commission review of the results

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We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because this action does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered or a significant decrease in any safety margin, it does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this Order will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. Also, we reaffirm our conclusions as otherwise stated in our Safety Evaluation Report and its Supplements.

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We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that:
(1) because this action does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered or a significant decrease in any safety margin, it does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this Order will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. Also, we reaffirm our conclusions as otherwise stated in our Safety Evaluation Report and its Supplements.

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We have determined that the Order extending the construction completion date for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2 does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the Order involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact, and pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4), that an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this Order.

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because this action does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered or a significant decrease in any safety margin, it does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this Order will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. Also, we reaffirm our conclusions as otherwise stated in our Safety Evaluation Report and its Supplements.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT APPRAISAL

BY THE DIVISION OF SITE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

SUPPORTING EXTENSION DATE FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT CPPR-53

SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2

DOCKET NO. 50-311

Description of Proposed Action

By letter dated March 30, 1979, Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G) filed a request with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to extend the construction completion date to August 1, 1979 for Salem Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 2. PSE&G stated that the basis for their request was to avoid unforeseeable events or causes which might delay issuance of the operating license beyond May 1, 1979. In response to an NRC request of May 1, 1979, PSE&G submitted a letter on June 28, 1979 amending its March 30, 1979 letter by requesting an extension of construction completion date to October 31, 1979 because the occurrence at Three Mile Island had significantly affected the completion of the operating license review for Salem Unit No. 2. The proposed NRC action is an ORDER extending the construction completion date to May 1, 1980.

Background

The Provisional Construction Permit for Salem Unit No. 2 was initially issued September 25, 1968. The staff's Final Environmental Statement (FES) relating to the construction and operation of the Salem Station was published in April 1973. The staff concluded that the action called for was continuation of the construction permit for Unit No. 2.

Environmental Impact of the Proposed Action

The construction of Salem Unit No. 2 is essentially complete, so that major construction effects have already occurred. Extension of the construction permit will not result in any construction related efforts which have not already been identified by the staff and no additional impacts are expected to occur by extending the construction completion date.

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Conclusion and Basis for Negative Declaration

The staff has concluded that there will be no environmental impacts attributable to the proposed action other than that already predicted in the Commission's FES issued in April 1973 and which have already occurred. The proposed action does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having reached this decision, the staff concludes that no environmental impact statement for the proposed action need be prepared and a negative declaration to this effect is appropriate.

Dated: *October 4, 1979*

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Richard W. Froelich, Acting Chief
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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
SUPPORTING ORDER RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE FOR
SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2 (CPPR-53)
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 50-311

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (The Commission) has reviewed the Order relating to the construction permit for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2 (CPPR-53), located in Salem County, New Jersey, issued to Public Service Electric and Gas Company. The ORDER would authorize the extension of the construction completion of Unit No. 2 to May 1, 1980.

The Commission's Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis has prepared an environmental impact appraisal (EIA) for the ORDER, and has concluded that an environmental impact statement for this action is not warranted because there will be no environmental impact attributable to the action other than that which has already been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the Salem Station issued April 1973. No additional impacts are expected to occur by extending this construction completion date.

The environmental impact appraisal is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the local public document room located in the Salem Free Public Library, 112 West Broadway, Salem, New Jersey 08079. A copy of the EIA may be obtained

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upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Site Safety and
Environmental Analysis.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 4th day of October 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY, ET AL.
SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2
ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Philadelphia Electric Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company are holders of Construction Permit No. CPPR-53 issued by the Atomic Energy Commission* on September 25, 1968, for construction of the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2, presently under construction at a site in Salem County, New Jersey.

On March 30, 1979, Public Service Electric & Gas Company filed a request for an extension of the construction completion date for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2 to August 1, 1979. The basis for this request was that Public Service Electric & Gas Company thought it prudent to extend the construction completion date so as to avoid the remote possibility of delay of issuance of an operating license. In a June 28, 1979 letter, Public Service Electric & Gas Company further requested that the construction completion date be extended to October 31, 1979. The basis for the subsequent request was the impact due to the occurrence at Three Mile Island. Since the Three Mile Island accident, personnel at both the NRC and Public Service Electric & Gas Company have been diverted to investigate and evaluate the accident delaying the licensing review process. In addition, Commission review

*Effective January 20, 1975 the Atomic Energy Commission became the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and permits in effect on that day continued under the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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of the results of other investigations, including the Presidential Commission and NRC's Special Inquiry Group, can be expected to lead to additional requirements. To cover any uncertainties related to the issuance of operating licenses due to the Three Mile Island accident, the NRC staff is extending the completion date to May 1, 1980.

This action involves no significant hazards consideration; good cause has been shown for the delay; and the requested extension is for a reasonable period, the bases for which are set forth in the staff evaluation, dated October 18, 1979.

An environmental impact appraisal and negative declaration have been prepared which conclude that the preparation of an environmental impact statement for this particular action is not warranted because there will be no environmental impact attributable to the Order other than that which has already been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2, published in April 1973.

All of the above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at 1717 H Street, N. W. , Washington, D. C. 20555 and at the local public document room located in the Salem Free Public Library, 112 West Broadway, Salem, New Jersey 08079.

In accordance with Section 185 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's rules and regulations, including 10 CFR §50.55(b), it is Hereby Ordered that the latest completion date for CPPR-53 be extended from May 1, 1979 to May 1, 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Domenic B. Vassallo, Acting Director
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October 18, 1979

STAFF EVALUATION

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We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because this action does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered or a significant decrease in any safety margin, it does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this Order will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. Also, we reaffirm our conclusions as otherwise stated in our Safety Evaluation Report and its Supplements.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT APPRAISAL

BY THE DIVISION OF SITE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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Background

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 4th day of October 1979.

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