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Docket No. 50-354

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Dear Mr. McNeill:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
TAC #66830 OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIOR HEARING

Re: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

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Sincerely,

/s/

George Rivenbark, Project Manager
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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONPUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANYATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANYDOCKET NO. 50-354NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTTO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE ANDOPPORTUNITY FOR PRIOR HEARING

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-57 issued to Public Service Electric & Gas Company and Atlantic City Electric Company (the licensees) for operation of the Hope Creek Generating Station, located in Salem County, New Jersey.

The proposed amendment would:

(1) Administratively divide the current Technical Specification (TS) 3.6.5.3, which is applicable to both the Filtration, Recirculation and Ventilation System (FRVS) recirculation units and the FRVS ventilation units into separate subsections, 3.5.6.3.1 for the ventilation units and 3.5.6.3.2 for the recirculation units.

(2) Relax the current TS 4.6.5.3.c requirement that the FRVS recirculation and ventilation units be demonstrated to be operable a) after any structural maintenance on the HEPA filter or charcoal adsorber housings or b) following painting, fire or chemical release in any ventilation zone communicating with the subsystem. The revision would require that the units be demonstrated to be operable only if it is determined following the activities

described in a) and b) above that the HEPA filters or charcoal adsorbent could have been adversely affected by any resulting fumes, chemicals, or foreign materials. This determination would consider the type, quantity, length of contact time, known effects and previous accumulation history for all contaminants that could reduce the system efficiency to less than that verified by the acceptance criteria.

(3) Relax, for the FRVS recirculation unit only, the acceptance criterion 4.6.5.3.c.2 that the methyl iodide penetration of a representative carbon sample is less than 1.0% to require that the penetration is less than 7.5%.

(4) Change the current TS 4.7.2.c requirement for demonstrating the Control Room Emergency Filtration System subsystems to be operable to make it consistent with the revision of TS 4.6.5.3.c as discussed above for change item 2.

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

By March 11, 1988, the licensees may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and

Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR §2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. A petitioner who fails to

file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, United States Nuclear Regulatory 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. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner or representative for the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 342-6700). The Western union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to Walter R. Butler: petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Conner and Wetterhahn, 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on the petition

and/or request, that the petitioner has made a substantial showing of good cause for the granting of a late petition and/or request. That determination will be based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated November 25, 1987, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the Pennsville Public Library, 190 S. Broadway, Pennsville, New Jersey 08070.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 3rd day of February 1988.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter R. Butler".

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