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Mr. John C. Hoyle Secretary of the Commission U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject:

Comments Concerning Direct Final Rule and Proposed Rule

10 CFR 50, "Changes to Quality Assurance Programs" (64FR9030 and 64FR9035, dated February 23, 1999)

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

This letter is being submitted in response to the NRC's request for comments concerning the Direct Final Rule and Proposed Rule 10 CFR 50, "Changes to Quality Assurance Programs," published in the Federal Register (i.e., 64FR903©) and 64FR9035, dated February 23, 1999). This rulemaking will amend the regulations to allow power reactor licensees to make certain changes to their Quality Assurance (QA) programs without obtaining NRC approval of the changes in advance. Specifically, the rule will permit licensees to make routine or administrative changes that should not have an adverse impact on the effectiveness of the QA programs.

PECO Energy appreciates the opportunity to comment on this Direct Final Rule and Proposed Rule. We endorse this rulemaking effort and support promulgation of the final rule.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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