

June 18, 2002

Mr. Bryce L. Shriver
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SUBJECT: SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 REPLY TO
LICENSEE'S RESPONSE TO ORDER FOR INTERIM SAFEGUARDS AND
SECURITY COMPENSATORY MEASURES, (TAC NOS. MB4187
AND MB4188)

Dear Mr. Shriver:

On February 25, 2002, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an Order modifying the operating license for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 (SSES 1&2) to require compliance with the specified interim safeguards and security compensatory measures. The interim compensatory measures (ICMs) were listed in Attachment 2 to the Order. When issuing the Order, the Commission recognized that you have voluntarily and responsibly implemented additional security measures following the events of September 11, 2001, but in light of the continuing generalized high-level threat environment, the Commission concluded that the security measures should be embodied in an Order consistent with the established regulatory framework.

The Order required responses and actions within specified timeframes. Section III.A of the Order required licensees to immediately start implementation of the requirements listed in Attachment 2 to the Order and to complete implementation no later than August 31, 2002. Section III.B of the Order required licensees to notify the Commission: (1) if they are unable to comply with the requirements described in Attachment 2, (2) if compliance with any of the requirements is unnecessary in their specific circumstances, (3) if implementation of any of the requirements would cause the licensee to be in violation of the provisions of any Commission regulation or the facility license, or (4) if implementation of any of the requirements described in Attachment 2 would adversely impact the safe operation of the facility. Section III.C.1 of the Order required licensees to submit to the Commission, within 20 days of the date of the Order, a schedule for achieving compliance with each requirement described in Attachment 2 to the Order. Section IV of the Order noted that in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.202, the licensee must submit an answer to the Order and may request a hearing on the Order within 20 days of the date of the Order and, where good cause is shown, consideration would be given to extend the time to request a hearing.

In a letter dated March 15, 2002 (PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPL) letter), you submitted a response to the Order for SSES 1&2. Your letter is being treated as a request for an extension of time until June 20, 2002, to respond to ICMs B.2.a(1), B.2.a(2), B.2.b, and B.4.e and as a request for an additional 20 days in which to request a hearing for these matters. Your letter of May 24, 2002, provided supplementary information.

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The NRC staff has reviewed your response and finds that you have satisfied the 20-day reporting requirements of the Order, with the exception of ICMs B.2.a(1), B.2.a(2), B.2.b, and B.4.e. An extension of time is hereby granted until June 20, 2002, for your submission of the required response to these ICMs. An extension of time is granted until July 10, 2002, for your filing of a request for a hearing related to ICMs B.2.a(1), B.2.a(2), B.2.b, and B.4.e.

The NRC will determine the effectiveness of your implementation of the ICMs through on-site inspections. I would like to remind you that, pursuant to Section III.C.2 of the Order, you are to report to the Commission when you have achieved full compliance with the requirements described in Attachment 2 to the Order.

If you have any other questions on these issues, please contact Timothy G. Colburn at 301-415-1402.

Sincerely,

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John A. Zwolinski, Director
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