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Gentlemen:

The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

The proposed amendments would delete the provisions in the Technical Specifications which require that the maximum worth of any operable control rod be less than 1.25% when reactor power is above 30%, in accordance with your request of August 29, 1974.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

George Lear, Chief
 Operating Reactors Branch #3
 Directorate of Licensing

Enclosure:
 Notice of Proposed Issuance of
 Amendments

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UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

DOCKETS NOS. 50-277 AND 50-278

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS

TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES

The Atomic Energy Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56 issued to Philadelphia Electric Company for the operation of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3, located in Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania.

The amendments would delete the provisions in the Technical Specifications which require that the maximum worth of any operable control rod be less than 1.25% when reactor power is above 30%, in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment, dated August 29, 1974.

The notice provides that within 30 days after publication of notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER on NOV 6 1974 , any member of the public whose interest may be affected by the proceeding may file a request for a public hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to whether the amendments to the facility operating licenses should be issued.

Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath or affirmation and 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 results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed licensing action.

Suck petitions must be filed in accordance with the provisions of the FEDERAL REGISTER Notice and Section 2.714, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., 20545, Attention: Docketing and Service Section by DEC 6 1974 .

A copy of the petition and/or request for hearing should be sent to the Chief Hearing Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Regulation, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., 20545 and to Edward J. Bauser, Jr., Esquire, Philadelphia Electric Company, 2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101, attorney for the licensee.

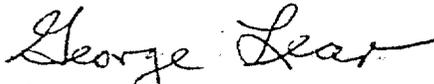
A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to both his interest and his contentions with 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 designated licensing board 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 any cross-examine witnesses.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 29, 1974, 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. As it becomes available, the Commission's related Safety Evaluation will be available at the above locations. A copy of the proposed license amendments and attachments and the Safety Evaluation, when available, may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Deputy Director for Reactor Projects, Directorate of Licensing - Regulation.

FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION



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