Docket No. 50-278

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The enclosed order will be published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely.

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R. C. DeYoung, Assistant Director for Light Water Reactors Projects Group 1 Directorate of Licensing

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- 1. Order Extending Completion Dates
- 2. Staff Evaluation
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PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT 3

DOCKET NO. 50-278

ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company are the holders of Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-38 issued by the Commission on January 31, 1968, for construction of Unit 3 of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station presently under construction at the Companies' site in Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania.

On October 23, 1973, the Philadelphia Electric Company filed a request for an extension of the completion date because construction has been delayed due to (1) increased project scope, and (2) extension of schedule for the Unit 2 construction and start-up activities. On November 20, 1973, and December 19, 1973, the Philadelphia Electric Company provided a more detailed breakdown of the factors which caused construction delays on Unit 3.

This action involves no significant hazards considerations; 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 a staff's evaluation, dated January 4, 1974.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE latest completion date for CPPR-38 be extended from November 30, 1973 to May 31, 1974.

FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Richard C. DeYoung, Assistant Director

for Light Water Reactors Projects Group 1

Directorate of Licensing

Date of Issuance: JAN 9 1974



UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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EVALUATION OF REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE FOR THE PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT 3

Summary

On October 25, 1973, the Philadelphia Electric Company filed a request for an extension of the completion date for the construction of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit 3. The requested extension of completion date for construction was from the current date of November 30, 1973 to September 30, 1974. Following our review, we requested that the Philadelphia Electric Company provide a more detailed breakdown of the factors that contributed to the delay in completing the construction activities for Unit 3. The Philadelphia Electric Company filed this additional information on November 20, 1973 and December 19, 1973. The major factors identified by the applicant as contributors to the schedule slippage are as follows:

- 1. Increased Project Scope; and
- 2. Extension of Unit 2's Construction and Start-Up Activities

The staff has reviewed the November 20, 1973 and December 19, 1973 letters which detail the above factors and find that they constitute good cause for granting the requested extension.

The 10 months' extension requested by the Philadelphia Electric Company in its letter dated November 20, 1973 included a half a month that was attributed to our licensing requirements. In its letter dated December 19, 1973 the extension request was reduced from the original 10 months' extension to a 6 months' extension by deletion of the 4 months' contingency requested in the November 20, 1973 letter.

The Regulatory staff finds that prior public notice of an order authorizing the requested extension is not required since the action does not involve significant hazard considerations, and that good cause exists for the issuance of an order extending the completion of construction date for Unit 3 to May 31, 1974.

Accordingly, issuance of an order extending the latest completion date for construction of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit 3 as presently set forth in Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-38, to May 31, 1974, should be authorized. The order should be effective on the date of issuance.

R. R. Powell

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Directorate of Licensing

W. R. Butler, Chief

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