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Gentlemen:

The Commission has requested the Office of the Federal Register to publish the enclosed Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units Nos. 2 and 3. The proposed amendments would revise the Technical Specifications to permit increase in fuel storage capacity from 1110 to 2816 fuel assemblies in each of the spent fuel pools of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units Nos. 2 and 3. The amendment would also revise design features and associated operating limits for the storage pool, as necessary, to accommodate the increased storage capacity. The action proposed is in accordance with your application for amendments dated January 18, 1978.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

George Lear, Chief
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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS
TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56, respectively, issued to Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company (the licensees), for operation of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units Nos. 2 and 3, located in Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania.

The amendments would revise the provisions in the Technical Specifications relating to an increase in fuel storage capacity from 1110 to 2816 fuel assemblies in each of the spent fuel pools of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units Nos. 2 and 3. The amendment would also revise design features and associated operating limits for the storage pool, as necessary, to accommodate the increased storage capacity, in accordance with the licensees' application for amendments, dated January 18, 1978.

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

By March 27, 1978, the licensee may file a request for a hearing and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the issuance of the amendments to the subject facility operating license. Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath or affirmation 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 the results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed licensing action. Such petitions must be filed in accordance with the provisions of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice and Section 2.714, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, by the above date. A copy of the petition and/or request for a hearing should be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Troy B. Conner, Jr., Esquire, 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, the attorney for the licensees.

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 licensing board, designated by the Commission 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 and cross-examine witnesses.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated January 18, 1978, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Education Building, Commonwealth and Walnut Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17126.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 13 day of February 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

George Lear

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