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NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION FUR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT, PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY, DOCKET NO. 50-171

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The Division of Licensing and Regulation has submitted to the Office of the Federal Register for filing and publication the attached Notice of Hearing on Application for Construction Permit pertaining to the proposed issuance of a construction permit which would authorize Philadelphia Electric Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to construct a 40,000 kilowatt (electrical) advanced high-temperature gas-cooled demonstration power reactor on the site at Peach Bottom, in York County, Pennsylvania, described in the application. Also attached is a report by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in this matter.

The following additional action is being taken:

- a. The JCAE is being informed by appropriate letter to its Executive Director.
- b. Copies of the notice of hearing, and a report by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards are being provided to the applicant and to appropriate state and local officials for their information.
- c. The Office of Public Information will issue a public announcement concerning this action.

bcc: S. R. Gaarder, (NET) OGM P. Travelstead, FIN

Attachments:

1. Notice of Hearing

2. ACRS Report

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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HOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Fursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the regulations in Part 2, 10 CFR "Rules of Fractice", notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held at 10:00 A.M., E.S.T., on December 18, 1961, in the Auditorium of the Atomic Energy Commission Hearlquarters at Germantown, Maryland, to consider the issuance of a construction permit to the Philadelphia Electric Company (hereinafter referred to as the "applicant"), 1000 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania, under Sections 104 b. and 165 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, for the construction of a 40,000 kilowatt (electrical) advanced high-temperature gas-cooled demonstration power reactor. The reactor will be located at the applicant's site at Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania, which is situated approximately 63 miles southwest of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and 38 miles northeast of Baltimore, Maryland.

The issues to be considered at the hearing will be the following:

1. Whether the applicant has submitted sufficient information to provide reasonable assurance that a utilization facility of the general type proposed in the application can be constructed and operated at the proposed location without undue risk to the health and safety of the public;

- 2. Whether there is reasonable assurance that the technical information omitted from and required to complete the application will be supplied;
- 3. Whether the applicant is technically qualified to design and construct the proposed facility.
- 4. Whether pursuant to Section 50.40 (b) of the AEC's regulations the applicant is financially qualified to design and construct the facility; and
- 5. Whether the construction of the reactor will be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

The report of the AEC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards dated November 1, 1961 and the safeguards analysis prepared by the AEC staff in this matter will be available for public inspection at the AEC's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Copies of each report may be obtained by request to the Director of Division of Licensing and Regulation, United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington 25, D. C. The application submitted by the applicant in this matter is also available for public inspection at the AEC's Public Document Room.

Answer to this notice of hearing shall be filed by the applicant in the manner prescribed by Section 2.736 of the Commission's "Rules of Practice", 10 CFR 2, on or before December 4, 1961.

Petitions for leave to intervene must be received in the Office of the Secretary, Atomic Energy Commission, Germantown, Maryland, or in the AEC's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., not later than thirty days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register, or in the event of a postponement of the hearing date specified above at such time as the Presiding Officer may provide.

Papers required to be filed with the AEC in this proceeding shall be filed by mailing to the Secretary, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington 25, D. C., or may be filed in person at the Office of the Secretary, Atomic Energy Commission, Germantown, Maryland, or at the AEC's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Pending further order of the Presiding Officer, parties shall file twenty copies of each such paper with the AEC and where service of papers is required on other parties shall serve five copies of each.

The hearing will be conducted by a Presiding Officer to be designated by the Chief Hearing Examiner.

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R. Lowenstein
Director
Division of Licensing and Regulation

Dated at Germantown, Maryland this fit day of Sauthles, 1961.