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PEACH BOTTOM STATUS - DOCKET NO. 50-171

Mr. Lee Everett of Philadelphia Electric called me today to discuss a problem in connection with the Peach Bottom refueling machine and to acquaint me with the status of the Peach Bottom schedule.

He stated that their present plan was to repair the fuel charging machine, which had been damaged during testing at high temperatures, so that it could be used to load the reactor. During the low power testing of the reactor, the refueling machine will be extensively tested at design temperatures in a special test rig to be built by General Atomics. It is their current intention to have demonstrated completely satisfactory operation of the refueling machine before proceeding to higher than 1 Mwt operation of the reactor.

Their present schedule is to load fuel in late December, achieve criticality in February of 1966, and to submit their application for full power operation in the late spring of 1966.

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