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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Commissioners Jaczko, Klein and Svinicki,

Enclosed is a resolution, passed by the New Jersey Chapter of Sierra, requesting that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection require PSE&G to erect cooling towers at the Salem Nuclear Plants as a requirement to renewing the operating licenses. The Executive Board of the New Jersey Chapter is making this request on behalf of over 20,000 members of the New Jersey Chapter.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Very truly yours,

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Resolution Requesting that the NJDEP and the NRC Require PSE&G to Erect Cooling Towers at the Salem Nuclear Plants

WHEREAS, the Salem nuclear power plants do not have a closed cooling system (cooling towers); and

WHEREAS, the plants use over 3 billion gallons of Delaware Bay water every day for cooling, causing billions of fish and other marine life to be slaughtered every year as they are ground up in the intake valves; and

WHEREAS, the slaughter of the fish severely impacts the ecosystem of the Delaware River Estuary by taking billions of smaller bait fish per year out of the food chain for larger fish and birds; and

WHEREAS, the billions of game and commercial fish fry that are ground up and destroyed in the intake valves severely impacts both the recreational and the commercial fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, jobs are dependent on both the recreational and the commercial fishing industry.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club requests that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission require that PSE&G build a closed cooling system, such as cooling towers, for Salem Units 1 and 2, which would eliminate 90 to 95 percent of the fish slaughter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated: September 12, 2009

SIERRA CLUB, NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Kenneth R. Johanson, Chapter Chair