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Jeff,

In regard to item 2), below, I wanted to mention that in our Data Needs list for the Site Audit we requested "Information on any changes in assessed property value for Salem or HCGS or any other recent or anticipated payment adjustments that could result in notable increases or decreases in tax or other payments". In the Information on Pre-Audit Questions provided at the audit (ring-binders), the response to this request was "There are no changes in assessed property value for Salem or HCGS". I didn't think this was something we could necessarily cite in the SEIS, and we would need to make some sort of statement concerning the effect of deregulation on property taxes.

Thanks,  
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Jeff,

There are a couple of issues that I'd like your advice on. They concern the discussion of taxes in Section 2.2.8.6, Economy, of the SEIS.

- 1) Property taxes paid for the Energy and Environmental Resources Center – I think these taxes should not be addressed in the SEIS because the Center would not be affected by the license renewal decision. Do you agree?
- 2) Deregulation of the electric power industry – New Jersey deregulated its utility industry in 1999. In my research on this topic, I found no mention of changes in property tax assessment methodologies for utilities or changes in how commercial facilities are depreciated. This topic was not addressed in the applicant's ERs. What (or who) do you think is the best source of information on how deregulation may affect property taxes paid on Salem and HCGS?

We expect to receive the information requested in the RAIs tomorrow (as per Charles). It should include a revised tax information table, and that data will be incorporated into Section 2.2.8.6.

Thanks,  
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