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Brian,

Leslie Perkins asked me to send this revised section of the Salem/Hope Creek SEIS to you for your review. Please let me know if you have any comments on this.

#### **4.7.2 Terrestrial and Freshwater Aquatic Threatened or Endangered Species**

*The FWS (2010) indicated that no Federally listed terrestrial species are known to occur on or in the vicinity of the Salem and HCGS sites. The FWS (2010) noted that areas of potential habitat and/or known occurrences of the bog turtle and swamp pink exist along the New Freedom North and New Freedom South transmission line ROWs, but that the continued operation of Salem and HCGS are unlikely to adversely affect either species because PSEG had previously committed by letter dated October 23, 2009 to adopting FWS-recommended conservation measures along the transmission line ROWs. The Staff reviewed information from the site audit, ERs for Salem and HCGS, other reports, and coordinated with FWS and State regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Delaware regarding listed species.*

*After further consultation between NRC staff, FWS and the applicant, it was clarified that the October 23, 2009 letter was submitted to the FWS by Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G). PSE&G is a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group, which also owns PSEG Nuclear. PSE&G owns and maintains the transmission lines. The NRC Staff acknowledges PSE&G commitment to adopting the conservation measures along the transmission lines as described in the letter dated October 23, 2009 to FWS. Should PSE&G's maintenance practices change along the transmissions line ROWs, the NRC staff will re-initiate consultation with the FWS.*

*PSE&G also indicated in their letter to FWS that PSE&G will comply with the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines. Based on the conservation measure described in PSE&G's letter dated October 23, 2009, the NRC staff concludes that the impacts on Federally listed terrestrial and freshwater aquatic species from an additional 20 years of operation and maintenance of the Salem and HCGS facilities and associated transmission line ROWs would be SMALL.*

Thanks,  
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