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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr Muller,

The Susquehanna Alliance, a coalition of over 600 individuals and 15 groups from throughout the PP&L service area, has begun their review of the Draft Environmental Statement for the operation of Susquehanna Steam Electric Stations 1 and 2 (Docket Nos 50-387 and 50-388). In our preliminary review we have found several areas which we feel should be more carefully scrutinized.

Perhaps the most conspicuous of these is the lack of information regarding the accident at Three Mile Island. It is certainly well within the realm of possibility that the data now being gathered by the President's Commission and other investigative bodies may require a reassessment of the environmental impact of the various classes of accidents and possibly the inclusion of radiological consequences of a class nine accident.

There are many other areas which we wish to study further including the absence of data with regards to Radon 222 in the uranium fuel cycle, the conspicuous absence of anthracite coal as a basis for comparison to a coal fired plant and the growing controversy over the effects of low level radiation. We intend to study each of these and other points to better evaluate the validity of the entire document.

The current schedule calls for the public comment period to end August 21. We are requesting that this date be extended by a period of 120 days. This extension would give us and others the time we need to get additional copies of the statement to the various individuals and groups we will have evaluating the document. In addition we feel this extension should be granted in order that the findings of the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island can be properly reviewed and incorporated in our comments. The Public Information Director for the Commission, Barbara Jorgenson, has informed us that these findings are expected to be available by October 25, 1979.

I am sure that in light of the accident at Three Mile Island and the current intensive review of the licensing procedure, that you will find it in the best interest of the NRC, PP&L and the public to grant this extension. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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for The Susquehanna Alliance

cc Joseph Hendrie, Chairman
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