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SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
REQUEST FOR ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION
PLA-3079 FILES R41-2, A17-2 Docket No. 50-387

Dear Mr. Russell:

On August 24, 1988 PP&L identified a problem with the Unit 1 Reactor Water Cleanup Area Temperature - High Isolation Instrumentation that resulted in declaring one channel of this instrumentation inoperable. The provisions of Technical Specification 3.3.2 require placing the trip system in the tripped condition or closing the affected system isolation valves. In either case the reactor water cleanup system would be isolated from the reactor vessel until the inoperable isolation channel could be returned to operable status. Because of the nature of the problem with the isolation instrumentation it is anticipated it will take several days to return the inoperable channel to operable status. Having reactor water cleanup isolated from the reactor vessel for this extended period would result in significant degradation in reactor coolant chemistry and could eventually require shutting the unit down. To avoid these adverse consequences PP&L requested and was granted one time relief from having to isolate reactor water cleanup from the reactor vessel due to one channel of reactor water cleanup isolation instrumentation being inoperable. The basis for this request was that the chemistry transient resulting from reactor water cleanup isolation would have long term detrimental impacts and diverse and redundant reactor water cleanup isolation instrumentation remains operable in the area of the inoperable instrument.

PP&L took the following additional actions to minimize the impact of the requested relief:

1. Operability of the remaining reactor water cleanup isolation instrumentation in the area of the inoperable instrument was confirmed.

2. Actions necessary to return the inoperable isolation instrument to operable status will be expedited to minimize the time under this enforcement discretion.

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We appreciate your attention and timely action in this matter; any questions should be directed to Mr. E.A. Heckman at (215) 770-7904.

Very truly yours,

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