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**SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR
RESPONSE TO JULY 14, 1995 NRC LETTER
PLA-4365 FILES A17-12/R41-2**

Docket Nos. 50-387/NPF-14
and 50-388/NPF-22

Reference: Letter, R. W. Cooper to R. G. Byram, dated July 14, 1995.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

The purpose of this letter is to document PP&L's request for a 90 day extension within which we must respond to the referenced letter. This request was discussed in a telecon between Mr. J.M. Kenny of PP&L and Mr. C.J. Anderson of NRC Region I on September 8, 1995. The basis for the extension is provided below.

Information provided by the staff in the referenced letter is being addressed through:

1. *Assessment of PP&L's preparation for the February 23, 1995 enforcement conference.* The NRC letter clearly indicates disparity with PP&L's understanding of the facts related to this issue. As committed to you in our letter of March 3, 1995, we commissioned an independent review of our preparation for the subject enforcement conference, and currently have this report under review. Although our review is not complete, the report clearly points out areas of improvement in our preparations that impacted our understanding of the issues, and thereby affected our subsequent actions.
2. *Assessment of potential impacts on PP&L's Employee Safety Concerns Program.* PP&L is currently in the midst of a periodic assessment of the effectiveness of our Employee Concerns Program (ESCP). Preliminary data from interviews with the general employee population indicates that the overall health of this program is sound, although experience-based recommendations for further enhancements are expected.

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3. *Specific evaluation of Security.* We have enhanced the ESCP assessment to provide more specific feedback from Security employees in addition to the department-wide assessment. The methodology for the Security assessment maintains the approach that we used in developing our current ESCP, and relies heavily on employee input. The principal elements include:

- Employee interviews,
- Validation of interview themes,
- Self Assessment and action planning, and
- Feedback on results.

This assessment is ongoing in a systematic manner (please note that no issues adverse to the safety or security of Susquehanna SES have been identified). Given the nature of this process, we believe it is important to allow the process to continue to unfold.

PP&L believes that the above assessments are key to the disposition of these matters, and that the 90 day extension request will provide sufficient time for the work and subsequent management reviews to be completed in support of our final response. Any questions on this transmittal should be directed to Mr. J. M. Kenny at (610) 775-7535.

Very truly yours,



R. G. Byram

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