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**SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
PROPOSED OPERATING LICENSE AMENDMENTS
NO. 181 TO NPF-14 AND NO. 135 TO NPF-22:
ADDITION OF NRC APPROVED REFERENCE TO
SUPPORT EXTENDED FUEL EXPOSURE
PLA-4260 FILES A17-2/R41-2**

Docket Nos. 50-387
and 50-388

Reference: Letter, C. Poslusny to R. G. Byram, "Extended Fuel Exposure for Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 (TAC Nos. M89731 and M89732)", dated December 15, 1994.

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to propose amendments to the Susquehanna SES Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications that will permit implementation of an increase in the allowable exposure of Siemens' 9X9-2 fuel from 40 GWD/MTU to 45 GWD/MTU. The referenced letter documents NRC approval of PP&L's analysis of this increase.

Attached to this letter are PP&L's safety analysis, No Significant Hazards Considerations, and Environmental Considerations for the proposed changes. These changes have been reviewed and approved by both the Plant Operations Review Committee and the Susquehanna Review Committee.

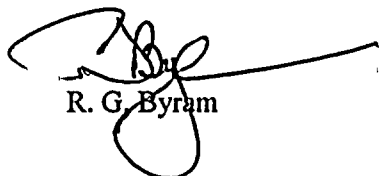
Both Susquehanna Units will benefit in 1995 from NRC approval of the proposed changes. Unit 2 Cycle 8 (currently scheduled to begin in October, 1995) will incorporate fuel designed to support the approved increased exposure. Fabrication of this fuel will commence in mid-April, 1995. Although Unit 1 fuel designed for increased exposure will not be inserted until Cycle 10, operational flexibility will be able to be increased prior to that time through incorporation of the revised LHGR limit into the Unit 1 Cycle 9 Core Operating Limits Report. Based on these objectives, it is requested that the NRC review and approve this proposed amendment early in Unit 1 Cycle 9 (currently scheduled to being in May, 1995), but no later than August 9, 1995, prior to the Unit 2 7th refueling and inspection outage.

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Very truly yours,



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