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**SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
BULLETIN 96-03 STATUS UPDATE
PLA-5038**

Docket Nos. 50-387
and 50-388

Reference: PLA-4923, R. G. Byram to USNRC, "Bulletin 96-03 - 30 Day Confirmation of Unit 1 Suction Strainer Installation," dated June 22, 1998.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the NRC with an updated status of our plans to closeout NRC Bulletin 96-03 for Susquehanna SES Units 1 and 2.

- **Unit 1 Status**

Via the referenced correspondence, PP&L, Inc. (PP&L) confirmed the completion of SSES Unit 1 ECCS strainer modifications in response to NRC Bulletin 96-03. In that letter, PP&L noted that certain details of the basis for regulatory compliance were still pending within the industry, and that upon closeout of those issues a plan and schedule for establishing final compliance would be submitted. The industry issues have been resolved, and recently, confirmatory performance testing of PP&L's strainer design has been completed. This testing is PP&L's final step in ensuring the acceptability of the design; preliminary test results indicate that the strainers are adequately sized to provide the required NPSH margin to ensure compliance with 10CFR50.46. Upon final review and documentation of the test results, PP&L will document the basis for closure of the bulletin for the SSES Units.

- **Unit 2 Status**

Installation of the Unit 2 ECCS strainer modifications is planned for the upcoming refueling and inspection outage, which is currently scheduled to begin in mid-March. In accordance with the Bulletin, PP&L will provide confirmation of completion of this activity within 30 days of completion of that outage.

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Based on the above, PP&L currently plans to provide a final Bulletin 96-03 closeout submittal within 30 days of the completion of the upcoming Unit 2 outage. That submittal will confirm: 1) that the Unit 2 strainer installation is operational, and 2) that the strainers installed on Units 1 and 2 are adequately sized to address the concerns identified in NRC Bulletin 96-03. The final design basis will subsequently be implemented, including updating of the FSAR in accordance with 10CFR50.71 requirements.

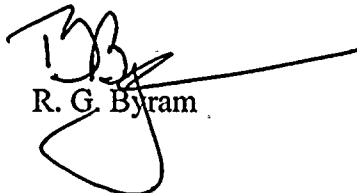
Regulatory Commitments

PLA-5038-01: PP&L currently plans to provide a final Bulletin 96-03 closeout submittal within 30 days of the completion of the upcoming Unit 2 outage. That submittal will confirm: 1) that the Unit 2 strainer installation is operational, and 2) that the strainers installed on Units 1 and 2 are adequately sized to address the concerns identified in NRC Bulletin 96-03.

PLA-5038-02: The final design basis will subsequently be implemented, including updating of the FSAR in accordance with 10CFR50.71 requirements.

Any questions on the above should be directed to Mr. R. R. Sgarro at (610) 774-7552.

Sincerely,



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