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SUBJECT: Requests review of encl analysis of time required until OL issuance. NRC review activities in next 6 months do not support util licensing & const schedule.

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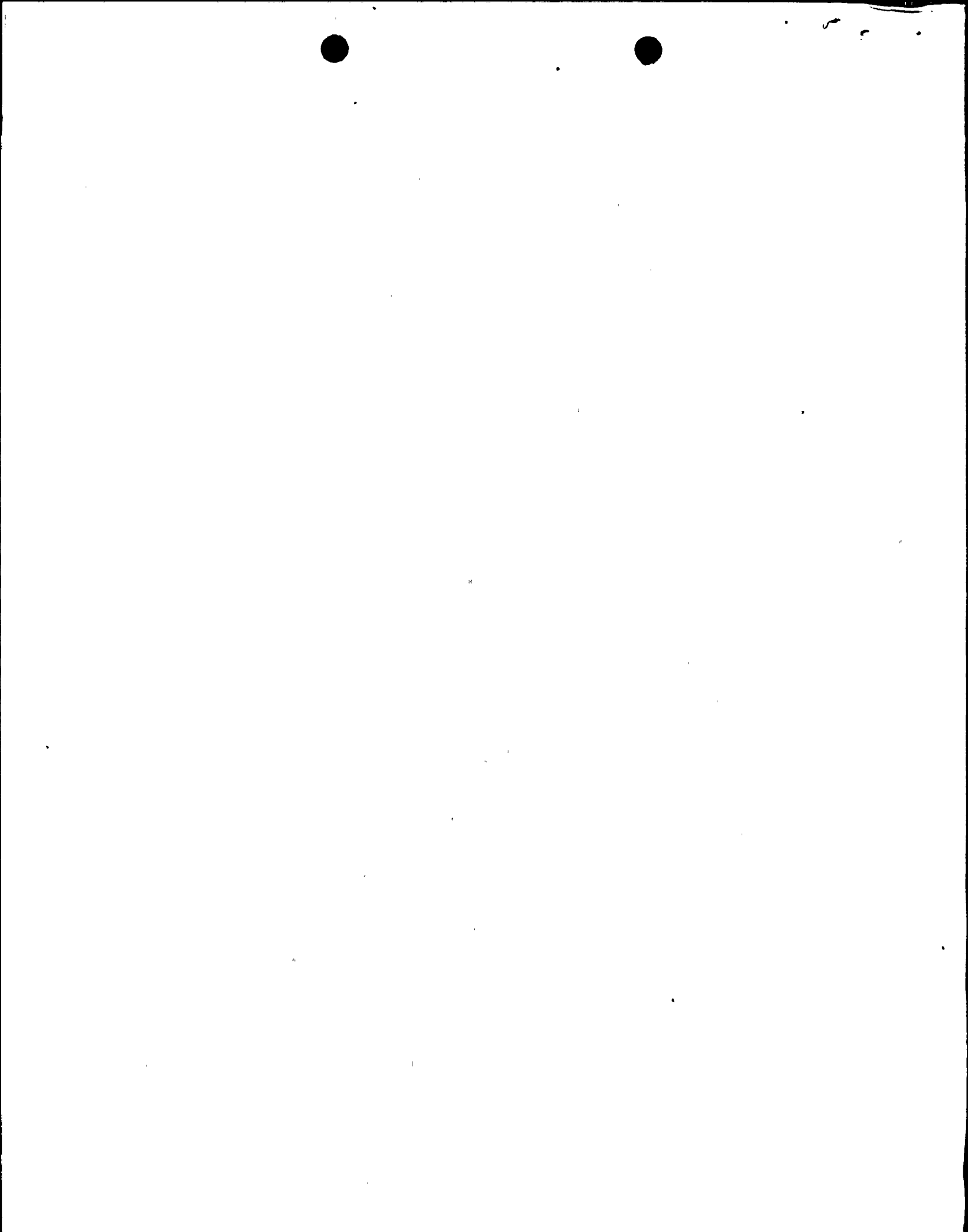
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LICENSING SCHEDULE
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Dear Mr. Denton:

During the last two years, we have had many meetings with the staff regarding the licensing and construction schedules for the Susquehanna Plant. Through these reviews, there has been a consistent mismatch between NRC's assessment of the Susquehanna construction progress and our target dates for the job. At this time, PP&L is estimating a June, 1981 completion of Unit #1 and the staff is estimating and working toward a November, 1981 date. While the relative conservatism of the two estimates can and has been debated, we are concerned that staff review activities over the next six months do not, in our judgment, support either schedule.

An analysis has been performed of the time required to move from the SER Supplement (presently scheduled by the staff for late May, 1981) to operating license issuance (projected by the staff for November, 1981). This analysis is based on realistic projections of the time periods associated with the licensing process. While the overall time could be somewhat shorter, it is likely the process would take substantially longer. This analysis (attached) shows issuance of an operating license April 1, 1982.

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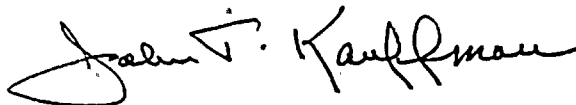
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We would appreciate an early opportunity to meet with you and your staff to review our assessment and agree on a common schedule of activities to support staff review.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John T. Kauffman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John T. Kauffman

Attachment

cc: Mr. Robert K. Campbell
Mr. N. W. Curtis
Mr. D. G. Eisenhut (USNRC)
Mr. R. M. Stark (USNRC)

RATING LICENSE ISSUANCE
REJECTED ISSUANCE OF
SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT

Time Estimate

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10 days from service of SER Supp. (6/24/80 ASLB Order) plus 5 days for mailing (10 CFR Part 2)

15 days from filing of discovery (6/24/80 ASLB Order) plus 5 days for mailing

The latter of (1) 30 days after SER Supp. issuance, or (2) 15 days after discovery responses (6/24/80 ASLB Order) plus 5 days for mailing (plus weekends - July 25, a Saturday)

10 days (assumption)

20 days (assumption) plus 5 days for mailing

ies 21 days after testimony filed (Special Prehearing Conference Order, p. 81) plus 5 days for mailing (plus weekends - September 26, a Saturday)

3-week duration (estimate)

20 days from end of hearing (10 CFR § 2.754)

30 days from end of hearings (10 CFR § 2.754) (November 15, a Sunday)

40 days from end of hearings (10 CFR § 2.754)

10 days from last proposed findings (10 CFR § 2.754) (December 5, a Saturday)

Time Estimate

30 days after reply findings (assumption)

board

60 days after Initial Decision
10 CFR Part 2, App. B, calls for stay determination
within 60 days of Initial Decision (March 7, a Sunday)

on

20 days (assumption)
10 CFR Part 2, App. B, says Commission will seek to
decide within 20 days of receipt of Appeal Board
decision (March 27, a Saturday)