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Docket Nos. 50-38Z

Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Department of the Interior 18th and C Streets, NH Washington, DC 20240

Dear Sir:

The Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (the applicant) is currently planning to construct a 230-acre reservoir to be operated in conjunction with the applicant's Susquehanna Steam Electric Station near Berwick, Pennsylvania, to satisfy the requirements of 18 CFR Section 803.61 low flow augmentation established by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

The selected site for the proposed reservoir is located about seven miles northeast of the borough of Berwick and one mile south of the village of Macanaqua in Conyngham Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. A map showing the location of the reservoir is enclosed.

This letter constitutes a formal request for consultation with, and the assistance of the Department of the Interior in furtherance of the purposes of the 1978 amendments to the Endangered Species Act. Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Act, please forward information as to whether any plants and animals that are listed or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened species may be present in the vicinity of the proposed reservoir site discussed above. In the event that listed and/or candidate species are involved, please advise of any suggestions or recommendations that would facilitate further interagency cooperation as required in the Act.

Sincerely,

If you have any further questions regarding this request you may contact Singh Bajwa directly at (301) 492-8441.

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