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Docket Nos, 50-387 50-388

Pennsylvania Power & Light Company ATTN: In. Norman W. Curtis Vice President-Engineering and Construction 2 North Ninth Street Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101

Gentlémen:

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUEST RELATIBE TO POND HILL RESERVOIR-

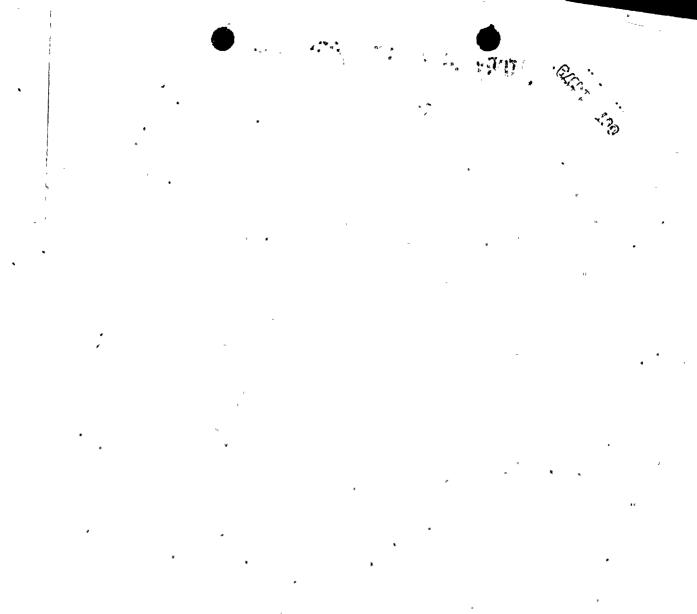
Additional information is needed for our environmental review of the proposed low-flow augmentation reservoir for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station. Enclosure 1 lists the items for which adequate responses are necessary. As you will note from the questions, we intend to conduct the review on the basis of a 980-ft maximum pool level rather than 940-ft as discussed in your Environmental Report Appendix 4. As discussed with William Barberich of your staff, this recognizes the liklihood that the higher pool level will be agreed upon by your company and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. If a different level is agreed upon or other significant design changes occur, please advise us promptly so that timely changes in our assessment can be made.

The purpose of this effort is to publish a supplement to our Draft Environmental Statement (NUREG-0564) relative to operation of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, which will consider the construction and operation of the Pond Hill Reservoir and alternative means of providing river flow augmentation. Our present schedule is to publish the supplement by November 16, complete the public comment period by the end of December, and publish the Final Environmental Statement for the station and the reservoir early in February.

In order to meet the above schedule, the information requested in this letter will be needed by October 15. If you find that some of the information cannot be provided by that date, please inform Paul H. Leech by telephone (301-492-8444) as to when it may be expected.

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Thus, our assessment in the DES indicates that the Susquehanna Station should have not significant effects on the Danville water supply. Comments recently received on the DES are presently being reviewed during the preparation of our Final Env Environmental Statement (FES).

I hope this response and the enclosed environmental statement will be helpful to you. A copy of the FES will be sent when it is published several months from now.

Sincerely,

Original signed by W. H. Began

Mm. H. Regan, Jr., Acting Assistant Director for Environmental Projects & Technology Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis

Enclosure: As stated

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