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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Olan D. Parr, Chief
Light Water Reactors Branch 3
Division of Project Management

Gentlemen:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT NO. CPPR-53
NO. 2 UNIT
SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-311

Public Service Electric and Gas Company hereby requests that, pursuant to Section 185 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Regulations thereunder, the completion date of May 1, 1979 specified in Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-53, as extended in your order dated July 1, 1975, be further extended to August 1, 1979.

At present, the construction of the No. 2 Unit is virtually complete and the Company will be ready to receive an operating license in the very near future. While we do not believe that an extension of the construction permit referenced above will be necessary, we make this request out of concern that some unforeseeable event or causes might possibly delay issuance of the operating license beyond May 1, 1979.



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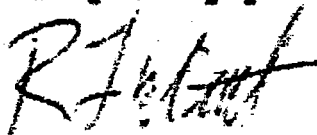
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Therefore, pursuant to 10CFR2.109, we believe it prudent to hereby request the extension so as to avoid the remote possibility that the existing license will be determined to have expired.

Since the requested extension of the construction permits involves no significant hazards considerations and no undue risk to the health and safety of the public, it is respectfully requested that the Commission dispense with the notice and publication requirements as permitted under Section 189(a) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

Your prompt and favorable consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



R. L. Mittl
General Manager -
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Department