

Frederick W. Schneider
Vice President
Production

Public Service Electric and Gas Company 80 Park Place Newark, N.J. 07101 201/430-7373

April 8, 1980

Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region 1
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-272/77-13
INSPECTION DATE APRIL 12, 1977
NO. 1 UNIT
SALEM GENERATING STATION

In this Supplemental Report, we are informing you of a change to our previous response dated May 20, 1977 to the NRC, with respect to starting a reactor coolant pump while the reactor is critical.

The previous response indicated Operating Instruction (OI) II-1.3-1 was revised to include step 3.11, "Do not start a Reactor Coolant Pump while the reactor is critical." A plastic tag was placed on the control console as a warning to Control Operators that three loop operation above P-7 is not allowed.

On December 27, 1979, an on-the-spot change was implemented to the Operating Instructions which deleted the above commitment. The change was implemented following a detailed review by PSE&G and Westinghouse which now permits the starting of a reactor coolant pump with the reactor below P-7 (10%).

Apr 15, 1980

8004160249

Mr. Boyce H. Grier

-2-

4/8/80

Procedural guidance includes that following a loss of a reactor coolant pump with the reactor critical and no associated reactor trip, reactor power shall be reduced as quickly as possible, in a controlled manner, to less than P-7 (10%) within one hour.

If you require additional information, we will be pleased to discuss it with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. W. Schneider".

CC: Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555