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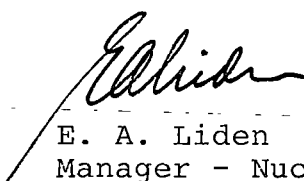
Attention: Mr. Richard W. Starostecki, Director  
Division of Project and Resident Programs

Gentlemen:

NUCLEAR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
SALEM GENERATING STATION  
DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Nuclear Oversight Committee Charter. The first meeting of the Nuclear Oversight Committee was held on October 27, 1983, and served as a kick-off meeting, during which introductory matters and administrative details were discussed and a schedule for future meetings through 1984 was set. The first quarterly meeting of the committee will be held on December 13, 1983.

Sincerely,

  
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## NUCLEAR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHARTER

### Overview

A PSE&G Nuclear Oversight Committee will be established to provide Company management and the Board of Directors an independent basis for evaluating the effectiveness of the Company's nuclear plant operations. Specific attention is to be provided to evaluating overall management attention to nuclear safety and evaluating progress in resolving open issues relating to NRC commitments and other independent evaluations of Company nuclear operations. Nuclear Oversight Committee periodic reports will be provided to Company management, the Company's Board of Directors and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### Membership

The Committee shall consist of from three to five members, appointed by the Chairman of the Board from prominent outside nominees with demonstrated expertise in the areas of utility nuclear operations, academic and/or research in nuclear fields, and nuclear regulation. One member of the Board of Directors of PSE&G shall be selected as a member and will serve as liaison between the Board and the Committee. He shall attend all meetings and keep the Board of Directors advised of committee activities.

### Committee Chairman

A Committee Chairman will be selected by the Chief Executive Officer of PSE&G.

### Responsibilities

The Committee will evaluate the effectiveness of PSE&G's nuclear plant operations from a viewpoint of nuclear safety. The following general guidelines are provided, but only as suggested areas of review. It is desired that the Committee remain independent with respect to review areas and flexible with respect to the amount of detail evaluated:

1. Evaluate operation of nuclear units to insure conformance with Company's Nuclear Power Policy and Nuclear Department Charter; especially those objectives dealing with nuclear safety which state that safety is of the highest priority, safety concerns come before power production, and decisions which could affect the health and safety of the public are made conservatively.
2. Evaluate implementation of the short-term and long-term commitments described in the corrective action program resulting from the reactor trip breaker failures at Salem in February 1983.

3. Review and evaluate recommendations and Company action plans resulting from the independent evaluations by Management Analysis Company (MAC) and Basic Energy Technology Associates, Inc. (BETA) which were a result of commitments made following the February 1983 events at Salem. Evaluate progress made by the Company in accomplishing these plans.
4. Review, at the Committee's discretion, various periodic reports, generated by the Company's on-site and off-site review committees, and/or other reports or documents issued by the Company or regulatory agencies.
5. Independently review other nuclear safety issues which appear appropriate and make recommendations in those areas.

#### Meeting Frequency

The Nuclear Oversight Committee shall hold meetings at least quarterly and at any time upon the request of a member.

#### Reports

The Nuclear Oversight Committee shall submit reports as follows:

1. Minutes of meetings shall be prepared within two weeks of each meeting. These minutes should include a summary of all items discussed and any suggestions for PSE&G management consideration.

Minutes shall be submitted to the Senior Vice President - Energy Supply and Engineering, the Vice President - Nuclear and the Board liaison member.

2. A quarterly report shall be prepared to include:
  - a. An evaluation of overall management attention to nuclear safety.
  - b. The Committee's review and evaluation of the progress being made in implementing the action plan which has been developed to incorporate all NRC commitments, and MAC and BETA recommendations.

The report shall be sent simultaneously to the Senior Vice President - Energy Supply and Engineering, the Board of Directors liaison member and the Vice President - Nuclear, who will, in turn, forward directly to the NRC.

The Company has committed to provide a response to these quarterly reports within 30 days to the NRC.

3. Special reports shall be prepared whenever a study has been completed and a recommendation is being made to PSE&G management.

These reports shall be submitted to the Senior Vice President - Energy Supply and Engineering and the Vice President - Nuclear.

#### Technical and Administrative Support

Principal support for the Nuclear Oversight Committee will be provided by the PSE&G Nuclear Department. Other PSE&G organizations will support, as appropriate, and be coordinated by the Nuclear Department. Access to any documents or information will be provided to the Committee, at their request, for review. The Committee, in the performance of its duties, may engage such outside consulting services as warranted. Company liaison and secretarial service will be provided by the Nuclear Department.

#### Term

The Nuclear Oversight Committee will function for at least one year after its formation. PSE&G will then evaluate the necessity to continue the Committee as part of the Company's nuclear safety review program.

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