

August 25, 1992

Docket Nos. 50-272, 50-311  
and 50-354

Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger  
Vice President and Chief Nuclear  
Officer  
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Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

SUBJECT: SECTION 7 REINITIATED BIOLOGICAL CONSULTATION, BIOLOGICAL OPINION,  
SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, AND HOPE CREEK  
GENERATING STATION (TAC NOS. M84255 AND M84256)

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Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) is requested to review the enclosed Biological Opinion. Based on that review, PSE&G is requested to propose changes to the Environmental Protection Plan, Appendix B of the Salem and Hope Creek licenses, as necessary to implement the new Biological Opinion or confirm that changes are not necessary, within 90 days of the date of this letter. This requirement affects 9 or fewer respondents and, therefore, is not subject to the Office of Management and Budget review under P.L. 96.511.

Sincerely, Original signed by  
Richard J. Clark *for*

Charles L. Miller, Director  
Project Directorate I-2  
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Enclosure:  
Biological Opinion  
dated August 4, 1992

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