

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONPUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANYDOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE  
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by the Public Service Electric and Gas Company (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-70 and DPR-75 issued to the licensee for operation of the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Salem County, New Jersey. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on September 9, 1998 (63 FR 48264).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise Technical Specification 3/4.7.6, "Control Room Emergency Air Conditioning System." Specifically, the licensee requested that the acceptance criteria for the control room envelope be revised to maintain a 1/8-inch positive pressure with respect to the outside atmosphere, the work control center and control room equipment rooms, and a 1/20-inch water gauge positive pressure with respect to the relay rooms and the auxiliary building.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated July 9, 1999.

By August 16, 1999, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 Attention:

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Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Jeffrie J. Keenan, Esquire, Nuclear Business Unit - N21, P.O. Box 236, Hancocks Bridge, NJ 08038, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated July 30, 1998, as supplemented on February 22, 1999, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated July 9, 1999.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Salem Free Public Library, 112 West Broadway, Salem, NJ 08079.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of July 1999.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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