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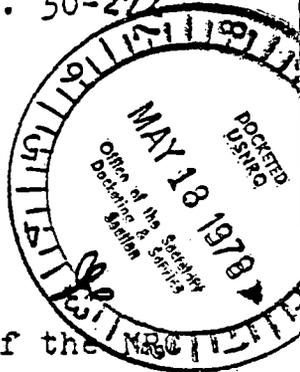
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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

In the Matter of
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC &
GAS COMPANY, et. al.
(Salem Nuclear Generating
Station, Unit No. I)

5/10/78

Docket No. 50-272



REQUEST FOR A FOR A FORMAL
ADJUDICATORY HEARING
OR
PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

There seems to be general agreement on the part of the
and PSE&G that we cannot speak to the profound issue at hand.
Obfusfaction is the order to date.

By previous interpretation of the procedural rules promulgated
under the Atomic Energy Licensing Act the Sun People apparently
have not established an "interest".

By virtue of the fact that the Sun People are citizens of
New Jersey and the United States of America, vehemently opposed
to the proliferation of nuclear power and the deadly threat that
is posed by it, then the Sun People do indeed have an interest.
We have in fact done much long before others to promote alternative
solar power (previous enclosures). Just because no members of the
Sun People group live in the immediate area of the Salem Nuclear
Generating Station we cannot in good conscience accept the posture
of being "good Germans" and not take note of the danger that is
posed to all citizens.

The Sun People appealed in several proceedings concerned
with the placing and expansion of nuclear plants at Artificial
Island---without success.

One of the two main arguments we have repeatedly used was
the danger of nuclear wastes and their disposal. The Sun People
are not alone now in their concern. Jack Anderson, syndicated
columnist, has cited the dangers of storing and transporting nuclear
wastes. A Congressional sub-committee has just completed hearings
on this matter and many members have expressed grave concern in
their soon-to-be-released findings.

The utilities have rightly claimed that nuclear waste
disposal is not their concern; it is up to the federal government
to come up with the answer. After twenty years of storage of

nuclear waste from military and domestic use in unsatisfactory and often dangerously defective temporary sites, the federal government has yet to come up with a solution.

By all that is reasonable, why expand temporary storage of nuclear wastes until a safe solution is found for the disposition of radioactive poisons that have already been created? These existing wastes, leaking poison and radioactivity, are already enough of a deadly legacy to leave our children and grandchildren. Should we not all strive to leave the earth better than we found it, not worse?

The Sun People advocate an end of nuclear power, with all its problems. The same expertise and money that created the nuclear power monster could furnish clean, free, non-polluting alternative energy for all people. The "interest" of the Sun People is a moral one and, sadly, not one that can be understood by the utilities, lobbyists, and government bureaucrats.

This is our general interest then. But you asked more. You wanted a particular interest. Therefore, trustee Ruth Fisher stated that she was attracted and inspired by the Second Sun. This "interest" cannot be rejected as purely speculative. She has in fact been there often and even taken students there as a result of this advertisement. So there!

As to the second interest you reject. We are in fact close enough to be affected by low-level radiation. Does the NRC have evidence to the contrary? Where are the monitoring stations? We charge that we are all affected by such radiation.

Now as to contentions. It seems to be like talking to the deaf. Our contentions are speculative, you say, or general or not particularized. Well, everything is relative, as they say.

1. Harm from low-level radiation is neither hypothetical nor speculative. Study after study have reported the effects of low-level radiation. Must one drop dead on the spot to establish "direct injury"? Gentlemen! The licensee seemingly notes what radiation is proposed to be emitted. Judgments are made by others, including the NRC as to whether or not it is dangerous. We say that there is no way that you can prove it is not. Evidence is mounting as to how dangerous it is.

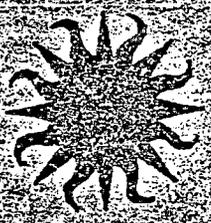
2. We repeat (read louder): South Jersey remains ill-prepared to store nuclear waste at this site or anywhere nearby. You have

not even spoken to the water levels throughout South Jersey. The Board cannot be fore-closed from examining this issue.

3. Sabotage near a metropolitan area. The NRC licensed this plant and looked at security years ago. Why hide your heads in sand (or water)? Sabotage and terrorism everywhere have become monstrous problems for us all recently.

4. No clear workable plan for handling storage or reprocessing nuclear waste exists. (Refer to our second attempt at intervention). Now we note that PSE&G is applying to expand Salem II. You cannot examine these applications separately. You cannot turn your head because of previous decisions. You cannot ignore the fact that you will be making this one of the largest nuclear storage sites anywhere. Where is sanity, reason?

*Ruth Fisher
Trustee*



"THE SUN PEOPLE" - ALTERNATE ENERGY ADVOCATES

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Utility Seeks 2nd Increase in Nuclear Storage

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Press Staff Writer

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have been opposing.
Late last year, the com-
pany applied to quadruple the
amount of nuclear fuel
waste that can be stored at
its Salem One unit, which is
now operating.
That move raised the hack-
les of environmentalists
and some public officials,
who fear this small town
could be one of the world's
biggest storage areas for

radioactive wastes.
But last month, the com-
pany again quietly applied
to quadruple the amount of
spent fuel it can store at its
Salem Two unit, which is
only yards away from its
twin brother, Salem One.
The second unit is expected
to begin operating in 1979.
Two more nuclear plants
will also be built here, but
company officials say it's

too early to tell whether they
will apply to increase spent
fuel storage facilities at
those plants.
Environmentalists and
public officials, including
state public advocate Stan-
ley Van Ness, last week won
their battle to force a public
hearing on the storage of
wastes at Salem One.

The federal Nuclear Reg-
ulatory Commission (NRC)
is not required to hold public
hearings on such requests
unless a formal "petition to
intervene" is filed. In the
case of Salem One, this
township filed the only suc-
cessful petition — of four —
to force a hearing.

That hearing will be held
sometime this summer and
will decide whether the com-
pany can increase storage
at the Salem One.

But the NRC may now
hold hearings for both of the
applications at the same
time.

"It looks like they are
combining the two," an
NRC spokesperson said
Monday. "They want to see
what the effects would be as

far as cumulative effects
(but) we'll just have to wait
awhile to see what
happens."

A spokesman for PSE&G
said the company wants to
quadruple storage at Salem

Two for the same reasons it
applied to increase storage
at Salem One. That plant
will have to close in about
five years — for lack of
storage space — if it doesn't
find some place to put the
spent fuel.

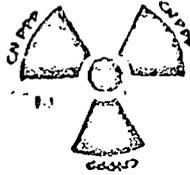
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Secretary of Commission
Docket & Service Branch
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Docket 50-272
Increased waste storage for
Salem I and II

Gentlemen:

We respectfully request to be granted "Limited Appearance"
in the above matter.

Spokespersons for CNPP are : Dr. Halam Bonner, Mr. Frank
Akutowicz and/or Frieda Berryhill.

We would appreciate notification as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Frieda Berryhill
Chairman

Acknowledged by card 5/18.....

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) * upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this
18th day of May 1978.

Peggy T. Downing
Office of the Secretary of the Commission

- * 1- Request for a Formal Adjudicatory Hearing or Petition for leave to Intervene (Sun People) dtd 5/10/78
- 2- limited appearance request - F. Berryhill dtd 5/16/78

