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Dr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3
Docket No. 50-278

Dear Dr. Denton:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is Philadelphia Electric Company's Application for Amendment of Facility Operating License DPR-56 for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3. This Application requests changes to the Peach Bottom Unit 3 Technical Specification to permit operation of the reactor with one hafnium control rod installed.

This filing consists of three originals and 37 copies of the Application and 40 copies of a document entitled "Proposed Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3 Alternate Absorber Control Blade Test Program" (NEDO-24213). In accordance with Section 170.12 of the Commission's regulations, I am enclosing a check payable to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the amount of \$4,000 to cover the filing fee for this Application.

Very truly yours,

Eugene J. Bradley
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