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Mr. Harold V. Denton
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Philadelphia Electric Company
(Fulton Generating Station, Units 1 and 2):
Docket Nos. 50-463, 50-464

Dear Mr. Denton:

Enclosed herewith, in accordance with § 50.30(c)(1) of the Commission's regulations, 10 CFR § 50.30(c)(1), are three original copies of Philadelphia Electric Company's Amendment No. 32 to its application to construct two nuclear generating units in Fulton and Drumore Townships, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.^{*/} Further, in accordance with § 50.30(c)(1)(i) and (iv), sixty copies of the application amendment and forty-one copies of the accompanying environmental report amendment are being supplied to the Commission under separate cover. Copies of these documents are also being served by first class mail on the Hearing Board and parties to this proceeding.

The purpose of this amendment is to adapt the outstanding Fulton construction permit application to a form permitting an early partial decision on site suitability issues, in accordance with Part 2, Subpart F of the Commission's regulations, 10 CFR §§ 2.600 et seq. This amendment, as is described in more detail

^{*/}The amendment consists of the Amendment signed by V.S. Boyer, Vice President, Philadelphia Electric Company, and incorporates separate documents entitled "Early Site Suitability Review -- Safety Report (Fulton Generating Station)" and "Early Site Suitability Review -- Environmental Report (Fulton Generating Station)."

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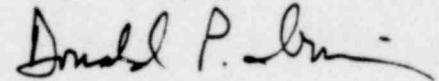
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in earlier correspondence to the Commission^{*/}, was prompted by the General Atomic Company's decision not to proceed with construction of high temperature gas cooled reactors (HTGR's) for the Fulton station, and by the fact that PE has not yet selected a successor reactor type for the station.

We understand that no docketing fee is required for this amendment. 10 CFR § 170.21(b), footnote 4. Please call me if I can be of help in expediting the start of the Staff's review of this amendment.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures: As stated

cc w/ enclosures: ASLB Panel
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^{*/}Letter, Edward G. Bauer (PE) to Roger Boyd (NRC), February 10, 1978; letter, J. Lee Everett (PE) to Richard P. Denise (NRC), March 8, 1978.