

# FULTON TOWNSHIP

Lancaster County  
Peach Bottom, Pa. 17563

Township Planning Commission

May 31, 1978

Mr. Richard Denise  
Assistant Director for Special Projects  
Division of Project Management  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Fulton Generating Station  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-463 and 50-464

Dear Mr. Denise:

At the May meeting of the Fulton Township Planning Commission I was authorized to inform you that the Commission is unalterably opposed to the construction of an electrical generating plant, whether nuclear or fossil fueled, on the site proposed by Philadelphia Electric Company in this township.

In June, 1973, after many months of detailed study and in cooperation with the Lancaster County Planning Commission, the Fulton Township supervisors adopted a comprehensive land use ordinance that provides for the orderly future development of the township. We are essentially a rural agricultural-oriented community and it was our judgement, and still is, that this is an unsuitable location for a large, major industrial operation such as the plant envisioned by Philadelphia Electric. Our zoning ordinance provides space for smaller industrial activities in a limited area that is so identified.

The site chosen by Philadelphia Electric comprises chiefly land now zoned agricultural on a high point of land adjoining the Susquehanna River and is one of the most attractive areas in the township. To permit this site to be used for a giant power plant would contravene our zoning ordinance, remove valuable farmland from the tax rolls, and, with its five hundred foot cooling towers, reservoirs and railroad spurs, despoil a very substantial section of this rural community, part of which is utilized by the public as a local resort area.

It is our understanding that Philadelphia Electric is seeking to prolong the life of its construction permit application by applying for an early site review. Such a review in our opinion is unwarranted and inappropriate. We strongly urge that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission maintain its previously announced intention to seek termination of Philadelphia Electric's application and deny the site review request. We believe that the location of the proposed plant in this township would constitute a local disaster. Therefore the sooner the project can be terminated the better.

Very truly yours,

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John W. Weaver, Chairman  
Fulton Township Planning Commission

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