UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

PENNSYLVANIA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
and
ALLEGHENY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

(Susquehanna Steam Electric Station,
Units 1 and 2)



Docket Nos. 50-387 50-388

NOTICE OF HEARING

On August 9, 1978, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published in the <u>Federal Register</u>, 43 <u>Fed. Reg.</u> 35406, a notice that the Commission had received an application for facility operating licenses from Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the Applicants) to possess, use and operate the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, two boiling water reactors located on a site in Salem Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The notice provided that by September 8, 1978, any person whose interest may be affected by the proceeding could file a petition for leave to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice, 10 CFR Part 2, particularly 10 CFR Section 2.714.

Four petitions for leave to intervene and requests for a hearing in the proceeding were filed. In addition, the

Bureau of Radiation Protection, Department of Environmental Resources, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, filed a request to participate as an "interested State" pursuant to 10 CFR §2.715(c). An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board was established to rule upon such petitions and requests. After holding a special prehearing conference pursuant to 10 CFR Section 2.751a, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule upon petitions issued an order on March 6, 1979, granting the petitions for leave to intervene filed by the Environmental Coalition on Nuclear Power (ECNP). Colleen Marsh et al., the Susquehanna Environmental Advocates (SEA), and the Citizens Against Nuclear Danger (CAND), and admitting those petitioners as parties to the proceeding. The Licensing Board also granted the request of the Bureau of Radiation Protection to participate as an "interested State."

Please take notice that a hearing will be conducted in this proceeding. An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, consisting of the same members who served on the Board designated to rule upon petitions, has been designated to preside over this proceeding. They are Glenn O. Bright, Dr. Oscar H. Paris, and Charles Bechhoefer, who will serve as Chairman of the Board.

During the course of the proceeding, the Board will hold one or more prehearing conferences pursuant to 10 CFR Section 2.752. The public is invited to attend any prehearing conferences, as well as the evidentiary hearing. During some or all of these sessions, and in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.715(a), any person, not a party to the proceeding, will be permitted to make a limited appearance statement, either orally or in writing, stating his position on the issues. The number of persons making oral statements and the time allowed for each oral statement may be limited depending upon the total time available at various sessions. Persons desiring to make a limited appearance are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section. Written statements supplementing or in lieu of oral statements may be of any length and will be accepted at any session of the proceeding or may be mailed to the Secretary of the Commission.

For further details, see the application for the facility operating licenses, dated April 10, 1978, the Applicants' Environmental Report, Operating License Stage, dated July 12, 1978, and papers filed concerning the

requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, including the Special Prehearing Conference Order ruling upon the intervention petitions, dated March 6, 1979, all of which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC, and at the Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania 18701. As they become available, the following documents may be inspected at the above locations: (1) the Safety Evaluation Report prepared by the Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; (2) the Draft Environmental Statement; (3) the Final Environmental Statement; (4) the report of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) on the application for facility operating licenses; (5) the proposed facility operating licenses; and (6) the technical specifications, which will be attached to the proposed facility operating licenses.

THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene.

Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 6th day of March, 1979.