

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY, ET AL.

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY  
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 71 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-56, issued to Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company, which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit No. 3 (the facility) located in York County, Pennsylvania.

The amendment was authorized by phone on July 19, 1980. It revises temporarily Technical Specification 3.11.D.2 to permit inoperability of a specific snubber located on one of the Residual Heat Removal System lines for the period July 17-26, 1980 (10 days in lieu of 72 hours). The urgency associated with this action was attributed to critical power demands in the northeast section of the country at the time of the licensee's request. Thus, the Commission conducted an expedited review of the application and in view of the acceptability of the action, issued a temporary authorization to permit the orderly repair of this snubber or verification of its design margin for assuring operability.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

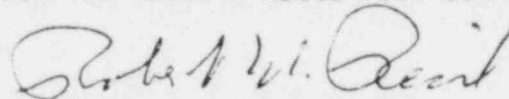
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The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated July 22, 1980 (teletype dated July 18, 1980), (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated July 22, 1980, (3) Amendment No. 71 to License No. DPR-56, and (4) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC and at the Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Education Building, Commonwealth and Walnut Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. A copy of items (2), (3) and (4) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 14th day of August 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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