Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353

Mr. Robert J. Sugarman Berle, Butzel, Kass & Case 45 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10111

Dear Mr. Sugarman:

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Allocation of water in the Delaware River Basin is under the authority of the Federal Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) applied to that Commission for the required approval to obtain water necessary for the Limerick plant. This allocation was included in the DRBC's Comprehensive Plan for which the DRBC issued an Environmental Impact Statement in 1973. More recently the DRBC issued an environmental assessment on the final review of ther proposal by PECO for a reservoir pumping station and water transmission line project. On February 15, 1980 a negative declaration was issued by DRBC based on the environmental assessment of the PECO water project. You may wish to obtain the documents mentioned above from DRBC for further information.

Sincerely.

Original signed by Robert L Tedesco

Robert L. Tedesco, Assistant Director for Licensing Division of Licensing

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