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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Pennsylvania Power and Light)
Company and Allegheny Electric)
Cooperative, Inc.)
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Susquehanna Steam Electric)
Station, Units 1 & 2)

Docket Nos. 50-387
and 50-388

8/2/78

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FOR FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES;
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICANT'S ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT; AND
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES
AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has received an application for a facility operating license from Pennsylvania Power & Light Company and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the applicants) to possess, use, and operate the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Unit 1 & 2, two boiling water nuclear reactors (the facilities), located on a site in Salem Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The reactors are designed to operate at a steady-state power level of 3293 megawatts thermal.

The applicants have also filed, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the regulations of the Commission in 10 CFR Part 51, an environmental report. The report, which discusses environmental considerations related to the proposed operation of the facilities is being made available at the Pennsylvania State Clearinghouse, Governor's Budget Office, Intergovernmental Relations Division, P. O. Box 1323, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120 and at the Economic Development Council of Northeast Pennsylvania, P. O. Box 777, Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641.

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After the environmental report has been analyzed by the Commission's staff, a draft environmental statement will be prepared. Upon preparation of the draft environmental statement, the Commission will, among other things, cause to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, a notice of availability of the draft statement, requesting comments from interested persons on the draft statement. The notice will also contain a statement to the effect that any comments of Federal agencies and State and local officials will be made available when received. The draft environmental statement will focus only on any matters which differ from those previously discussed in the final environmental statement prepared in connection with the issuance of the construction permit. Upon consideration of comments submitted with respect to the draft environmental statement, the Commission's staff will prepare a final environmental statement, the availability of which will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

The Commission will consider the issuance of facility operating licenses to Pennsylvania Power & Light Company and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. which would authorize the applicants to possess, use and operate the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 & 2, in accordance with the provisions of the license and the technical specifications appended thereto, upon: (1) the completion of a favorable safety evaluation on the application by the Commission's staff; (2) the completion of the environmental review required by the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Part 51; (3) the receipt of a report on the applicants' application for facility operating licenses by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; and (4) a finding by the Commission that the application for the facility licenses, as amended, complies with the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as

amended, (the Act), and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 1. Construction of the facilities was authorized by Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-101 and CPPR-102, issued by the Commission on November 2, 1973. Construction of Unit 1 is anticipated to be completed by May 1, 1980, Unit 2 by November 1, 1981.

Prior to issuance of any operating licenses, the Commission will inspect the facilities to determine whether they have been constructed in accordance with the application, as amended, and the provisions of the construction permits. In addition, the licenses will not be issued until the Commission has made the findings reflecting its review of the application under the Act, which will be set forth in the proposed licenses, and has concluded that the issuance of the licenses will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. Upon issuance of the licenses, the applicants will be required to execute an indemnity agreement as required by Section 170 of the Act and 10 CFR Part 140 of the Commission's regulations.

By September 8, 1978 the applicants may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the facility operating licenses and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the

Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition and the Secretary of the Commission, or designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR §2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend his petition, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, the petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which

are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., by September 8, 1978. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C., 20555, and to Jay Silberg, Esq., Shaw, Pittman, Potts, Trowbridge & Madden, 1800 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, attorney for the applicants. Any questions or requests for additional information regarding the content of this notice should be addressed to the Chief Hearing Counsel, Office of the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer, or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on the petition and/or request, that the petitioner has made a substantial showing of good cause for the granting of a late petition and/or request. That determination will be based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR §2.714(a)(i)-(v) and §2.714(d).

For further details pertinent to the matters under consideration, see the application for the facility operating licenses dated April 10, 1978, and the applicants' environmental report dated July 12, 1978, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 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 staff; (2) the draft environmental statement; (3) the final environmental statement; (4) the report of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards 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.

Copies of the proposed operating licenses and the ACRS report, when available, may be obtained by request to the Director, Division of Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555. Copies of the Commission's staff safety evaluation report and final environmental statement, when available, may be purchased at current rates, from the National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

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