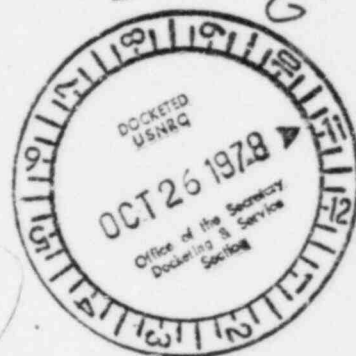


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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC &)
GAS COMPANY)
(Salem Nuclear Generating)
Station, Unit No. 1))

Docket No. 50-272
Proposed Issuance of Amendment
to Facility Operating License
No. DPR-70

NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO BOARD'S ORDER OF OCTOBER 12, 1978
REQUESTING INFORMATION ON PUBLICATION OF STAFF DOCUMENTS

On October 12, 1978, the Board ordered the Staff to inform it and the parties of the date upon which the Safety Evaluation Report and environmental analysis will be completed. The Staff does not now have a firm projected date for completion of these documents. The Staff believes, however, that it will probably not be able to publish these documents before January, 1979. The reasons for this timetable are set forth below.

A key technical reviewer for this project is presently unavailable to work on this proceeding because of his responsibilities in another case. The Salem Unit 1 amendment to expand the spent fuel storage capacity has been given a lower priority because Salem's operation will not be substantially affected by this slip in the schedule. The other project involves an operating plant which is now shutdown and cannot resume operation until the Staff completes its review and a hearing is held.

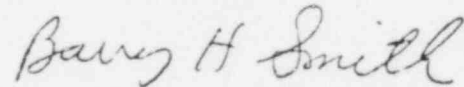
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Although a primary reviewer has been temporarily taken off this case, this is not the sole reason for the delay. During the review process, the Staff identified several issues which must be addressed by the Licensee. The process of responding to the Staff's questions and a review of those responses will also take time.

It is the Staff's intent to complete this review as soon as reasonably possible. Counsel will inform the Board and parties of the projected completion date when it is established.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 24th day of October, 1978.

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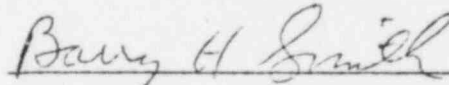
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