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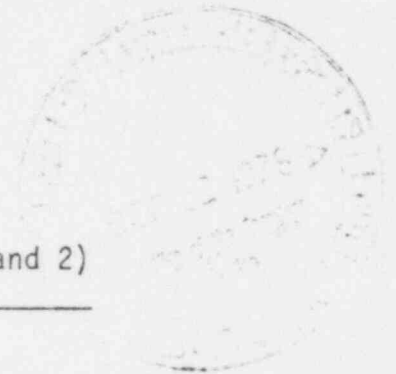
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In the Matter of  
Pennsylvania Power and Light Co.  
Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
(Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2)  
Docket Nos. 50-387, 50-388



Gentlemen:

As the Board suggested in its Memorandum and Order dated October 26, 1978, the Staff attempted to arrange a meeting with representatives of the four petitioners to try to agree on contentions, if any, suitable for litigation in this proceeding. Having received no reply to Staff counsel's letter to them dated November 3, Staff counsel contacted a representative of each of the four petitioners by telephone during the week of December 4 to explore the possibility of arranging such a meeting. None of them said they would not meet with the Staff, but some of them were not sure that they wanted to meet with the Applicant. All of them were indefinite about when they might be prepared to discuss their contentions.

Because it is unclear whether and when the meeting suggested by the Board can be arranged, the Staff urges the Board to consider scheduling a pre-hearing conference to "start the clock."

Sincerely,

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