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Philadelphia Electric Company, Licensee under Facility Operating License DPR-56 for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit No. 3, hereby requests that the Technical Specifications incorporated in Appendix A of the Operating License be temporarily amended as indicated in the following discussion.

On April 23, 1982, as a result of the determination that two inaccessible pipe support hydraulic snubbers were found inoperable, the next required inspection interval, based on the provisions of section 4.11.D.1 of the Peach Bottom Technical Specification, would require Peach Bottom Unit 3 to be removed from service to accommodate inspection of snubbers on or before

December 23, 1982. Licensee estimates that Unit 3 would be out of service for approximately four days to accommodate the inspection of the snubbers which are located in the drywell. However, Peach Bottom Unit 3 is presently scheduled to be removed from service for a refueling outage 51 days later, on February 12, 1983. Thus, performing the inspection of the inaccessible snubber within the present required interval would add one shutdown, start-up transient to the operating history of the unit despite the availability of a scheduled outage a short time later.

Licensee's review of the last six complete inspections on all 158 safety related snubbers reveals only four snubbers have been found inoperable, including the two detected on April 23, 1982. The four snubbers were inoperable due to loss of oil. All four have been repaired and returned to service. As stated in the bases, on page 235a, Section 3.11.D, of the Technical Specifications, the snubber protection is required only during low probability events.

Based on the low past failure history, the need for snubber protection only during low probability events, and the additional cool down - heat up transient required to conduct the inspection, licensee hereby requests a temporary amendment to the Peach Bottom Unit 3 operating license that would extend the inspection interval identified in Section 4.11.D.1 of the Technical Specification until the refueling outage scheduled to start February 12, 1983. Additionally, the Licensee commits to performing the snubber inspection prior to the scheduled

refueling outage in the event Unit 3 reactor, for whatever reason, experiences a shutdown requiring containment entry.

It should be noted that the generation lost during the four days required to accommodate the inspection of those snubbers located in the drywell would require the burning of 103,000 barrels of oil at an increased cost of over 1.7 million dollars to Licensee's customers.

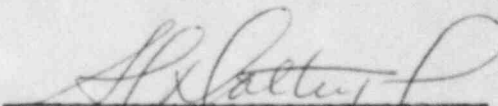
Pursuant to 10 CFR 170.22, "Schedule of Fees for Facility License Amendments", Philadelphia Electric Company proposes that this Application for Amendment be considered a Class III Amendment, since the proposed change involves a single safety issue and is deemed not to involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Plant Operation Review Committee and the Operation and Safety Review Committee have reviewed the proposed change to the Technical Specifications, and have concluded that it does not involve an unreviewed safety question or a significant hazards consideration; and will not endanger the health and safety of the public.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

By:


Vice President

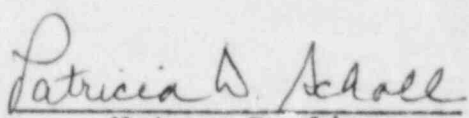
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
: SS.
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA :

S. L. Daltroff, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is Vice President of Philadelphia Electric Company, the Applicant herein; that he has read the foregoing Application for Amendment of Facility Operating License and knows the contents thereof; and that the statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

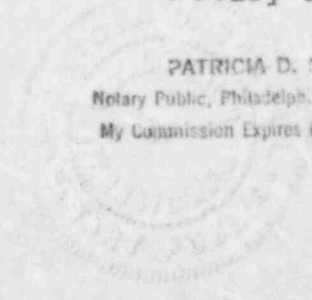


Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 18th day
of October 1982



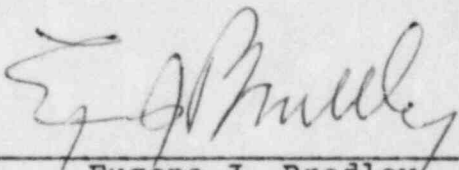
Notary Public

PATRICIA D. SCHOLL
Notary Public, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co.
My Commission Expires February 10, 1986



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that service of the foregoing Application was made upon the Board of Supervisors, Peach Bottom Township, York County, Pennsylvania, by mailing a copy thereof, via first-class mail, to Albert R. Steele, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, R.D. No. 1, Delta, Pennsylvania 17314; upon the Board of Supervisors, Fulton Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by mailing a copy thereof, via first-class mail, to George K. Brinton, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania 17563; and upon the Board of Supervisors, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by mailing a copy thereof, via first-class mail, to Wilmer P. Bolton, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, R.D. No. 1, Holtwood, Pennsylvania 17532; all this 19th day of October 1982.



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