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AUDIENCE SPEAKERS:

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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Good morning, ladies and
- 3 gentlemen.
- 4 We are meeting this morning to hear from the
- 5 Staff on the recommendation to issue a full power
- 6 authorization for the Susquehanna Unit 1 Nuclear Power
- 7 Plant. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will ask
- 8 the Commissioners to vote on whether to issue the full
- 9 power license.
- 10 We previously met with the Staff on this
- 11 matter on September 30 of this year. At that time the
- 12 Commissioners were advised that the Office of
- 13 Investigations was in the process of conducting an
- 14 investigation of certain matters on the Susquehanna
- 15 facility. Because of the potential that the
- 16 investigation might uncover new issues concerning the
- 17 safety of the plant, we did not vote at that meeting.
- 18 Subsequently, the Staff and the Office of
- 19 Investigations have concluded that no unresolved safety
- 20 problems remain open in connection with the
- 21 investigation. We will be brought up to date on those
- 22 matters.
- 23 Do any of my fellow Commissioners have any
- 24 opening remarks?
- 25 (No response.)

- 1 Therefore, I will turn the meeting over to Mr.
- 2 Dircks.
- 3 MR. DIRCKS: I guess Mr. Novak, Tom Novak, is
- 4 going to be discussing the matter with the Commission.
- 5 MR. DENTON: This is a continuation of the
- 6 meeting that we previously had on Susquehanna Station
- 7 Unit 1, the full power license. Since that last
- 8 meeting, we have completed a review of the issues that
- 9 were raised by Teledyne regarding their findings in the
- 10 independent design review -- satisfactorily resolved
- 11 those.
- 12 An issue also has arisen with regard to design
- 13 of the emergency service water system and the company
- 14 has proposed a satisfactory resolution of that.
- 15 We have today a number of people here from the
- 16 Region who can speak to what has been happening at the
- 17 plant since the last time we met. Tom Novak, Assistant
- 18 Director for this area, will make the presentation,
- 19 along with Don Byrd -- Bob Perts, excuse me.
- 20 MR. NOVAK: Just to review, the Staff has
- 21 discussed the Susquehanna licensing on September 30. At
- 22 that time there was discussions of the status of the
- 23 plant. There was a matter discussed with regard to the
- 24 independent design review being performed by Teledyne.
- 25 I would like to summarize that point for you very

- 1 briefly and we to have a slide which shows subsequent
- ? efforts regarding that issue.
- At the time we met with the Commission, the
- 4 Teledyne report basically had concluded that the
- 5 specific system they had reviewed, which was the
- 6 feedwater system inside containment, was acceptable.
- 7 But, based on what they saw with regard to how design
- 8 and as-built differences were reconciled, they felt
- 9 there was some additional work that should be done
- 10 before one could conclude that that process in fact
- 11 fulfilled the requirements of the FSAR. At that time,
- 12 the Licensee agreed to pick another twenty hangers, to
- 13 have a review done to support the fact that in fact the
- 14 process was acceptable.
- 15 Following the September 30 meeting, another
- 16 Commission meeting was scheduled for October 7. Prior
- 17 to that date the Licensee informed us that the results
- 18 of the additional twenty hangers suggested to him that
- 19 there was need to do more work, and he recommended that
- 20 the Staff delay any presentation to the Commission
- 21 regarding this effort. In fact, the result was that
- 22 from that sample of twenty, a hanger design in the final
- 23 as-built configuration was such that there was 25
- 24 percent of the weld metal in the final configuration
- 25 compared to the original design requirement.

- 1 The Applicant them decided to expand his
- 2 sample to 500 supports and to concentrate on a
- 3 distribution biased toward looking at the more difficult
- 4 hangers. It resulted from his survey that he could
- 5 pretty much identify that anchors were those most
- 6 susceptible for differences between design and as-built
- 7 configurations.
- 8 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Is this equivalent to
- 9 the program that Teledyne recommended?
- 10 MR. NOVAK: Actually it exceeded the program
- 11 that Teledyne had recommended. In discussions with
- 12 Teledyne, they felt a sample of 200 would be adecuate.
- 13 The Licensee actually proposed a sample size of 500.
- 14 I do have a slide I can use to summarize for
- 15 you now -- slide number one, please.
- 16 We have had subsequent meetings, of course,
- 17 with the Licensee and Teledyne with regard to this
- 18 item. We have provided to the Commission an addengum to
- 19 the final report issued by Teledyne and it is there for
- 20 the Commission's review. What I would like to do is
- 21 Summarize very quickly what the review showed.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Are you also going to
- 23 explain how to correct it?
- 24 MR. NOVAK: Yes, I will.
- 25 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: And you will get back

- 1 and compare to the Teledyne. In their final report that
- 2 you sent us, they say their finding can be resolved is
- 3 PPEL agrees to a certain program that all anchors shall
- 4 be subject to.
- 5 MR. NOVAK: Yes. All right.
- 6 Let me sort of walk you through the program
- 7 and try to answer your questions that I think might come
- 8 up.
- 9 So the program then went to look at 500
- 10 supports of a variety of things. The hanger supports,
- 11 they could be rigid supports, they could be spring
- 12 support, and then, of course, anchors. What was done
- 13 was to look at the as-built design versus the design
- 14 drawing and to categorize the differences basically into
- 15 three categories, as described in our safety evaluation.
- 16 Those Category 1 items were basically
- 17 insignificant, small differences which could be
- 18 reconciled very simply. Second was those which would
- 19 require perhaps a simple calculation but clearly nothing
- 20 that would require substantial reanalysis. But the
- 21 third category would be just that -- those which on the
- 22 surface an engineering indement would be questioned,
- 23 that without additional analysis you could accept the
- 24 final as-built configuration as satisfying the original
- 25 design drawing.

- 1 Now, Teledyne audited this process. They
- 2 thought it was technically adequate and they reviewed
- 3 the results. I would like to just summarize for you,
- 4 then, what the results were with regard to the 500.
- 5 When they looked at the 500 hangers, it turned
- 8 out that there were 22 hangers which would require
- 7 additional analysis. Eleven of those were anchors. The
- 8 bottom line that Teledyne drew from this analysis was
- 9 that rather than continue to reanalyze anchor points
- 10 their recommendation was that if you reached a point
- 11 where an anchor point required reanalysis, their
- 12 recommendation was to go back to the plant and make the
- 13 appropriate modification to the anchor to restore it to
- 14 its original design.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Whose recommendation was
- 16 that?
- 17 MR. NOVAK: That was Teledyne's. That
- 18 recommendation was accepted by the Licensee.
- 19 Now inside of containment, which was the first
- 20 place where the activity centered, there were sixteen
- 21 inchors. Of these sixteen, three anchors were
- 22 modified. Of the three, one of them was the first one
- 23 that suggested to the Licensee that he delay the
- 24 Commission briefing. That was the one with the 25
- 25 percent weld.

- 1 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: And this was internal?
- 2 MR. NOVAK: Internal, yes. The other two were
- 3 characterized as weld dimensional variations, more of a
- 4 minor difference but restored anyway.
- As far as the analysis was concerned, that
- 6 performed by Bechtel, reviewed by PP&L, even the
- 7 original configuration would have satisfied code but it
- 8 would not have satisfied the design requirements. So
- 9 PP&L then decided to accept -- as I mentioned earlier,
- 10 they had accepted a recommendation of the Licensee and
- 11 performed those modifications.
- 12 Now the other supports were also reviewed, but
- 13 no modifications had to be made. In other words, when
- 14 you do a reanalysis you can also determine that the
- 15 as-built configuration satisfies the original intent of
- 16 the design.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PALLADING: These are the rest of the
- 18 sixteen internal?
- 19 MR. NOVAK: No, these are the others which
- 20 fall into Category 3 which were not anchors. The bottom
- 21 line of the review centered on the fact that the anchors
- 22 were the critical support, basically. The differences
- 23 occured due to the fact that during construction access
- 24 was more limited than during today's operations.
- 25 So the Licensee was able to go back in and

- 1 restore the support to the original design.
- 2 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Which are you talking
- 3 about -- the eight?
- 4 MR. NOVAK: The three that were modified.
- 5 One might ask why is it easier today to
- 6 satisfy the original design of the drawing as opposed to
- 7 when the plant was actually in construction. My
- 8 understanding is that the access was more limited during
- 9 construction due to supports and other activities going
- 10 on. That is not specifically the reason, but it is the
- 11 judgment of the Licensee that these kinds of reasons
- 12 supported why a specific design was not satisfied.
- 13 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Let me see if I am
- 14 following you. There were eleven that were found to
- 15 require further analysis. It was decided rather than
- 16 analyze these we can fix them up. Three of them were
- 17 internal to the containment and they were fixed up. I
- 18 did not follow what happened to the other eight, if I
- 19 jot the story right.
- 20 MR. NOVAK: No. Only three did not satisfy or
- 21 fell into Category 3, which would require a reanalysis.
- 22 Even within Category --
- 23 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: I thought you said there
- 24 were eleven.
- 25 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Yeah. What you had

- 1 said -- what I believe you said -- is that 22 out of the
- 2 500 required additional analysis. Eleven of those were
- 3 hangers. Teledyne recommended, if reanalysis was
- 4 needed, instead to go back and make the modifications.
- 5 So the impression I got --
- 6 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Eleven were anchors.
- 7 MR. NOVAK: Okay, you are right. Eleven were
- 8 anchors. Only three of the eleven required reanalysis,
- 9 which were inside containment.
- 10 MR. EISENHUT: Maybe I can help straighten
- 11 that out a little bit. The original program looked at
- 12 anchors and supports -- a broad number. Out of that
- 13 came -- I get a different terminology -- maybe eleven
- 14 questions. Some of the original family were inside
- 15 containment, some were outside, some were supports, some
- 16 were anchors.
- 17 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Where did 22 come in?
- 18 MR. EISENHUT: My system does not have a 22.
- 19 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Darryl, I think your
- 20 system does not have any numbers.
- 21 MR. EISENHUT: Yes, it does. There were three
- 22 total modifications required. Those three modifications
- 23 turned out all to be on anchors, all inside
- 24 containment. And as the program evolved, the emphasis
- 25 zeroed in on the question, was anchors, not supports in

- 1 general but a particular subset, which was anchors.
- At that point, then, the emphasis switched to
- 3 anchors. The proposal which Commissioner Ahearne
- 4 referred to, the proposal from Teledyne, was that there
- 5 be a recheck of anchors inside and a recheck outside.
- 6 Now inside containment there is on the order
- 7 of sixteen, I believe it is, total anchors.
- 8 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Total, not in the
- 9 subset but total?
- 10 MR. EISENHUT: Total anchors inside
- 11 containment. Three of those anchors were the ones that
- 12 we just mentioned from the big family that in fact had
- 13 to be modified. Those three can be looked at as -- one
- 14 of those was the case that had a quarter of the weld
- 15 there. The other two were cases where there were very
- 16 small dimensional tolerances on the weld. The weld was
- 17 present and it was shown to be acceptable. It could be
- 18 shown by some detailed analysis.
- 19 But those are the three inside containment.
- 20 Those sixteen have all been rechecked, that is, all
- 21 anchors inside containment have, to date, been rechecked.
- 22 COMMISSIONER ASSELSTINE: And the other
- 23 thirteen were okay?
- MR. EISENHUT: The other thirteen were okay.
- Now outside containment on anchors, there is

- 1 on the order of about 150. Of that 150, they have been
- 2 looked at to the point today where I think about half of
- 3 them have been rigorously looked at -- maybe a little
- 4 more than half.
- Now remember the system. The Teledyne report
- 6 breaks them into Categories 1, 2 and 3. Category 1s and
- 7 2s are basically where you can show by some engineering
- 8 judgment or minor analysis things are acceptable. Of
- 9 the 150, they projected about half were going to come
- 10 out in Category 1 and 2, and about half would come
- 11 out -- roughly half would come out in Category 3.
- 12 To date, a total of something on the order of
- 13 half of all of the anchors outside containment have been
- 14 rechecked, have gone through the process. That effort
- 15 is not complete today. Also, it is projected by
- 16 Teledyne that of the anchors outside containment
- 17 something on the order of five to six may end up
- 18 questions that could work their way down to,
- 19 potentially, modifications. It is in that ball park,
- 20 based on the detailed evaluation today.
- 21 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: How does that track
- 22 with what you just said earlier, where they projected
- 23 that about one-half would be Category 3?
- 24 MR. EISENHUT: There is going to have to be
- 25 some additional evaluation. Maybe on the order of five

- 1 to six would end up as modifications.
- 2 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: So you are saying for
- 3 outside containment it is not being followed, that if it
- 4 falls into Category 3 modification is automatic?
- 5 MR. EISENHUT: Not necessarily, and the
- 6 program is still under way. The utility has made a
- 7 commitment to complete that program of evaluating the
- 8 anchors outside containment and have that process
- 9 complete by December 31 of this year, and I believe that
- 10 includes modifications, if any, would also be completed
- 11 during that period of time.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Do these five or six
- 13 anchors outside containment that you project, are those
- 14 projected to require some rework?
- 15 MR. EISENHUT: Well, since they are projected
- 16 by Teledyne, if the Commission would choose, the Senior
- 17 Vice President, Don Landers, of Teledyne is here with me
- 18 and could characterize better.
- 19 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: And people from the
- 20 company as well, if we could to that.
- 21 MR. EISENHUT: I would characterize it as
- 22 potential problems as you go down the line that could
- 23 require modification.
- 24 MR. DENTON: Well, if you would like to hear
- 25 from the company, perhaps they could go first and we

- 1 could get the numbers straight.
- 2 MR. EISENHUT: I think it might be different
- 3 because it is evolving every day.
- 4 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, I think as a
- 5 general matter, we did not arrange for it, but I think
- 6 it would be useful at these sessions to have the company
- 7 appear at the table.
- 8 MR. DENTON: I certainly agree with you on the
- 9 details of what the company is doing. I think the point
- 10 we wanted to make here is I think the independent design
- 11 review process has worked. Teledyne found something
- 12 that was a looseness in the design verification program
- 13 and it is being fixed, and Teledyne has indicated their
- 14 satisfaction with that.
- 15 But I think when you get into real details
- 16 about exactly which hangers and how, that really should
- 17 turn on the company.
- 18 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Well, I did not want to
- 19 get into such great detail. I just wanted to find out
- 20 What has to be done on anchors outside the containment
- 21 and when must it be done, and we seem to have some
- 22 confusion on how much ought to be done. And I think
- 23 there would be some value in straightening that out.
- MR. DENTON: Let me ask the company. Why
- 25 don't we start with representatives from the company?

- 1 Basically, our requirement is fix everything inside the
- 2 containment before going anywhere, and that has been
- 3 done, I believe, to Region's satisfaction, and then fix
- 4 the remaining areas outside containment by the end of
- 5 the year. We are making considerable progress in that
- 6 area already.
- 7 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Let us see who we have.
- 8 MR. CRIMMINS: My name is Tom Crimmins. I am
- 9 Manager of Nuclear Plant Engineering for PP&L.
- 10 What has been said is basically correct. Let
- 11 me confirm the numbers. There are sixteen anchors
- 12 inside containment, of which three required fixes. They
- 13 are all weld fixes, and I might clarify a little bit on
- 14 this, the accuracy of the statement that 25 percent of
- 15 the weld was there. That sounds more onerous than it
- 16 really is.
- 17 It was one specific weld which was an
- 18 important weld, obviously, in the fabrication of this
- 19 anchor and the analysis of this anchor. But it was not
- 20 as if the entire anchor only had 25 percent of the weld
- 21 that was required. It was one specific weld which
- 22 mounted the anchor to its structure. Three fixes have
- 23 been done and were done prior to our restart to five
- 24 percent power approximately a week ago or ten days ago.
- 25 Outside containment there are exactly 147

- 1 anchors. Thirty of these were covered in the original
- 2 500 sample that was discussed by Mr. Novak. So,
- 3 therefore, there are 117 left to be evaluated. They
- 4 have all been evaluated. Fifty-six of them have been
- 5 classified as Category 1 and 2. That is, they need
- 6 only -- they can be dispositioned as trivial differences
- 7 or by very simple calculations and judgment and there is
- 8 no concern with those.
- 9 Sixty-one have been categorized as Category
- 10 3. Category 3, throughout this program, has been a very
- 11 conservative categorization of anything that had a
- 12 question about it. It is not to be interpreted as
- 13 anchors with significant deficiencies or anchors that
- 14 need to be fixed. It is a conservation categorization
- 15 of anchors that need to be further looked at.
- 16 In terms of our efforts here to determine
- 17 which ones ought to be fixed as a result of the last
- 18 Teledyne proposal, we established and agreed upon with
- 19 Teledyne and the Staff that if calculations were beyond
- 20 what was used for the original design method were used,
- 21 then that would mean extensive calculations which were
- 22 beyond an acceptable level, and those anchors would be
- 23 fixed rather than go into a detail, as I think we have
- 24 used the term here before, pencil-sharpening to try to
- 25 justify the alequacy of the anchor. Rather than do that

- 1 and go beyond the original design methods, we would fix
- 2 them.
- 3 Out of the 61, we have not completed our
- 4 review. We are most of the way through and anticipate
- 5 on the order of five to six fixes, all of which will be
- 6 weld-type fixes, upgrading of welds on the anchors.
- 7 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: You say you anticipate
- 8 five or six. Is that on the basis of evaluation?
- 9 MR. CRIMMINS: It is on the basis of what we
- 10 have seen of the 61 to date.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Do you have five or
- 12 six welds in mind?
- 13 MR. CRIMMINS: Let me say specifically what
- 14 has been done. Bechtel has reviewed them and identified
- 15 four which they believe would need some upgrading in the
- 16 Welds. Our staff is now reviewing that and we have
- 17 found one additional one that we feel is likely to need
- 18 some upgrading in the welds rather than go back with
- 19 extensive evaluation.
- 20 I would point out that given the time and the
- 21 desire to do it this way that these could easily --
- 22 these could be justified on an analytical basis as being
- 23 adequate, but that is not our approach at this point.
- 24 We are preferring to go back and make the corrections to
- 25 meet the original design intent, which, I would point

- 1 out, is a quite conservative design approach.
- We are well on schedule to complete that, to
- 3 identify the necessary fixes, in the next couple of
- 4 weeks and also to fix those prior to December 31.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Prior to December 31, and
- 6 is there any problem in getting at them?
- 7 MR. CRIMMINS: No, sir. We feel that either
- 8 we can get the welds exactly the way they were, the
- 9 original design, or there are obviously alternatives if
- 10 we do have an access problem. But we do not anticipate
- 11 one.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Thank you.
- 13 MR. CRIMMINS: Yes, sir.
- 14 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Are there any questions?
- 15 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Yes. While the
- 16 representative of the company is here, could you tell me
- 17 What the latest status is of the expiration with the
- 18 ASME with respect to the other issue that is raised?
- 19 MR. CRIMMINS: No, I did not have recent
- 20 information on that. My understanding is that issue was
- 21 raised by Bechtel with the ASME and there have been some
- 22 discussions, but I do not have up-to-date information.
- 23 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: I could not hear you.
- MR. CRIMMINS: I do not have up-to-date
- 25 information. I know the issue has been discussed

- 1 between Bechtel and ASME, but I do not have any further
- 2 information.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: What issue are you
- 4 referring to?
- 5 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: That was one of the
- 6 earlier Teledyne's -- on the basis of the previous
- 7 meeting we had, that Teledyne had raised, and the report
- 8 that we have from the Staff is something like October 27
- 9 or so. There was supposed to be a letter written.
- 10 MR. NOVAK: Mr. Landers also serves on that
- 11 ASME Code Committee, so maybe he could supplement the
- 12 Licensee's response when it is his turn to speak.
- 13 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Well, now is a good
- 14 time.
- 15 MR. DENTON: Mr. Landers from Teledyne.
- 16 MR. LANDERS: My name is Don Laniers, Senior
- 17 Vice President, Teledyne Engineering Services.
- 18 I would agree with the categorization and the
- 19 discussion that Tom Crimmins gave with respect to the
- 20 issue raised by Commissioner Ahearne. The important
- 21 point to recognize with respect to Susquehanna is that
- 22 all along our opinion was there was no safety issue with
- 23 respect to this. In fact, we knew that recategorization
- 24 of that condition would not affect plant at all.
- 25 Our concern was having in our own files

- 1 documentation from Bechtel or from the owner that
- 2 substantiated our position. So with respect to that
- 3 finding, we were satisfied and had been for some time.
- 4 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I noticed your
- 5 reservation, but could you tell us what the status is
- 6 with respect to ASME?
- 7 MR. LANDERS: I do not know myself. I was
- 8 down here this week, furing Code week.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: I am not sure how that
- 10 was resolved. I am reading from part of the packet that
- 11 says the second area of concern expressed by TES in
- 12 their final report was that the design and specification
- 13 requirements were not in compliance with the ASME Boiler
- 14 and Pressure Code. Bechtel did not agree with the TES
- 15 finding and felt that the code requirements had been
- 16 satisfied.
- 17 And then there was a series of letters and
- 18 then I am not clear where we stand on that.
- 19 MR. NOVAK: Perhaps I could summarize, sir.
- 20 As part of the final report, the Teledyne view
- 21 was that a loss of feedwater accompanied by a main steam
- 22 isolation valve closure event should be categoried as an
- 23 upset transient, that which has a higher probability of
- 24 occurrence, as opposed to emergency condition, which was
- 25 Bechtel's argument.

- 1 As far as the Licensee was concerned, he went
- 2 back and reanalyzed that event to upset, including
- 3 fatigue, and satisfied the requirements. So there was
- d clearly, as TES said, no safety concern. We view it as
- 5 a generic concern.
- 6 Bechtel still believes that should be
- 7 considered as an emergency, one that falls under
- 8 emergency conditions, having a lower probability than
- 9 upset. So that as far as the Licensee is concerned he
- 10 has stepped back. He thinks both ways are acceptable.
- 11 Bechtel thinks they are correct. They are going to take
- 12 it to the Coda.
- 13 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: As far as the plant is
- 14 concerned, we are okay. The plant is okay unier either
- 15 assumption?
- 16 MR. NOVAK: That is correct.
- 17 Moving along, we would like to go into
- 18 Operating experience. There is one other area we would
- 19 like to talk about, which is the emergency service
- 20 water, but I think it will permit you to understand why
- 21 it came up. As you look at recent operating experience,
- 22 it is because of that experience that this issue
- 23 evolved.
- 24 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: I am sorry. I was not
- 25 listening.

- MR. NOVAK: What I was going to recommend,
- 2 sir, was that we so on and discuss operating experience
- 3 update since the last Commission briefing. As part of
- 4 that update you will see that there were some tests
- 5 performed which really brought to light the concern that
- 8 we want to talk lastly, and that is emergency service
- 7 water single failure concern.
- 8 MR. STARSTECKY: Rich Starstecky, Region I,
- 9 and I have with me today Gary Rhodes, who is the Senior
- 10 Resident Inspector from Susquehanna, and Mr. McCabe, who
- 11 is his immediate supervisor and section chief.
- 12 Susquehanna, since the last update, has been
- 13 operating since November 1 at the five percent power
- 14 level. They have been doing their tests and the tests
- 15 to date have been acceptable.
- 16 There were two license conditions that the NRC
- 17 imposed on the Licensee during this time period. One
- 18 was to look at a water hammer problem in the emergency
- 19 service water system, and the test was conducted and
- 20 they have corrected the situation.
- 21 As a result of focusing attention on that
- 22 emergency service water system, the Licensee has
- 23 identified a potential problem with single failure of a
- 24 valve which could jeopardize cooling water to the
- 25 diesels which, in turn, would jeopardize the operability

- 1 of certain safety-related components. NRR has looked at
- 2 that situation, has had meetings with the Licensee. So
- 3 we have satisfied ourselves on the one hand from the
- 4 safety standpoint that there is no outstanding safety
- 5 issue.
- 6 We had pursued and will be pursuing with the
- 7 Licensee the water hammer long-term fix. The problem
- 8 revolves around the fact that there were valves designed
- 9 to be opened and, as a result of the design review, it
- 10 was decided to keep the valves normally closed and when
- 11 they were called upon the valves would in fact open and,
- 12 coincident with the starting of the emergency service
- 13 water pump, would result in a water hammer problem.
- 14 This information is discussed in more detail,
- 15 I believe, in the NRR report. The Region at this point
- 16 is satisfied that the problem is being resolved or has
- 17 been resolved for the short term.
- 18 We had one other issue, and that was the
- 19 grounding of some cable sheathing for the reactor
- 20 protection system, and that was conducted and repaired
- 21 previously, prior to these operations.
- There have been two scrams, both of them
- 23 related pretty much to instrurentation and control
- 24 system technicians performing maintenance or testing and
- 25 there have been no malfunctions in the plant

- 1 themselves. In both instances, it appears that the
- 2 plant and the operators performed appropriately and
- 3 properly.
- 4 We have had about three to four people on site
- 5 observing operations and have had no adverse findings
- 6 and have satisfied ourselves that the plant is in fact
- 7 ready.
- 8 If there are any specific questions --
- 9 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: It is not clear to me how
- 10 you resolved the emergency service water. I found it a
- 11 little bit confusing because it seems to be discussed at
- 12 two different places in the SER.
- 13 MR. NOVAK: That is correct, sir. We can go
- 14 forward with that discussion. One is a discussion of
- 15 the emergency service water as a system, and the second
- 16 part of the discussion in the SER is the ECCS
- 17 performance evaluation. They are dependent on each
- 18 other.
- 19 We are prepared to summarize for you those
- 20 discussions.
- 21 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Will it take long just to
- 22 give me a clue?
- 23 (Laughter.)
- 24 MR. NOVAK: If I do not have to use numbers.
- 25 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Then just give me a

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- 1 qualitative. The reason is -- I will tell you why I
- 2 raise the question. It says in one place here, on page
- 3 6-3, it says: "Based on the reliability of the LPCI
- 4 proper operation without auxiliary cooling for ten
- 5 minutes and the results of ECCS analyses provided in the
- 6 FSAR, the Staff finds the design of the ECCS system to
- 7 be acceptable."
- 8 And going without auxiliary cooling for ten
- 9 minutes and saying the pumps can do it, can you really
- 10 say that we have gotten --
- 11 MR. NOVAK: I do not think I can give you a
- 12 quick answer that will satisfy you. It will take a
- 13 couple of minutes to explain what the event was.
- 14 Perhaps if we go on we can summarize it and try to
- 15 answer your question again.
- 16 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: You mean later?
- 17 MR. NOVAK: Right now we are prepared to go
- 18 on. Let me have the second slide, please.
- 19 As you see on the bottom --
- 20 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: You had better read it.
- 21 MR. NOVAK: Part of the licensing condition
- 22 was the power operation test in the pre-op in the
- 23 emergency service water. As part of the pre-op test
- 24 they did determine again that the design was not
- 25 alequate. There was a water hammer and it required an

- 1 additional modification.
- And in the review of the system, the single
- 3 failure concern was determined by the Licensee. They
- 4 determined from their review of this system that in fact
- 5 a single failure had been met, and I am prepared to
- 6 discuss that with you very quickly.
- 7 The third slide, please. We will discuss very
- 8 simply the emergency service water system, what the
- 9 single failure concern was, and the resolution of the
- 10 single failure, which goes into the ten-minute
- 11 discussion.
- 12 May I have the next slide, please?
- Now, the emergency service water --
- 14 CHAIRMAN PALLADING: Well, go ahead.
- 15 MR. NOVAK: What the emergency service water
- 18 does is it provides a cooling source to a number of
- 17 important safety systems, for example, the diesel
- 18 generators, the cooling water jackets. The water there
- 19 is provided by emergency service water. And what you
- 20 see here is a schematic of the emergency service water
- 21 system.
- I would like to just briefly summarize this
- 23 for you. As you see on the bottom of the sketch, there
- 24 are four emergency service water pumps. They are split
- 25 into two frains. They provide cooling water to the four

- 1 diesels, to the ECCS coolers, to what is called a
- 2 controlled structure chiller as part of the reactor
- 3 building cooler. Then they go out to the spray pump.
- 4 Then, at the top of the slide are labeled
- 5 bypass valves. In the original design, those valves
- & were normally open and there was no power to that
- 7 valve. And so a single failure would not apply to that
- 8 system. In other words, you do not have to assume the
- 9 valve was closed. If it was locked open, it was an
- 10 acceptable design.
- 11 But because of elevation differences,
- 12 primarily in what is called the control structure
- 13 chiller, that system would drain. And then if you
- 14 initiated the emergency service water system a water
- 15 hammer occurred. So back in the 1977 time frame it was
- 18 identified that this system had a potential for water
- 17 hammer, and the modification that was made was to close
- 18 the bypass valves. That way you would tend to keep the
- 19 system solid and when you bring it on you should avoid
- on the potential for water hammer. But it must be done in
- 21 the right sequence.
- Now these latest pre-op tests I am going to
- 23 ask Bob Perts to summarize for you specifically what
- 24 happened. You will see that a water hammer problem
- 25 reoccurred in what was thought to be an acceptable

- 1 side.
- 2 Bob?
- 3 MR. PERIS: Okay. During pre-op testing the
- 4 pumps -- when the system was operated during the pre-op
- 5 testing there was an occasion where they had to secure
- 6 the pumps. The discharge valves to those pumps remained
- 7 open. The water in the system drained back to the spray
- 8 pond from the high legs. When the pumps restarted again
- 9 they had a water hammer problem.
- 10 In resolving the second iteration of water
- 11 hammer, they went to motor-operated discharge valves for
- 12 the pumps so that they would close down or throttle when
- 13 the pumps stopped. The pumps were also sequenced such
- 14 that they all do not some on at the same time and with
- 15 the combination of those two actions they were able to
- 16 mitigate the water hammer from the system being in
- 17 operation -- the pumps stopping and then being
- 18 restarted.
- 19 MR. NOVAK: Now I would like to spend a few
- 20 minutes on the single failure concern. With the design
- 21 modification as it occurs now, the bypass valves are
- 22 normally closed. All of the cooling water to the four
- 23 diesels are provided from emergency service water pumps
- 24 A and C and as long as you have flow from either pump
- 25 you will have adequate flow to cool the diesels.

- 1 If, however, you do not have flow from A to C,
- 2 there is a logic that trips and you pick up emergency
- 3 service water flow from pumps B and D. The logic is if
- 4 the trip breaker closes, it is assumes then that the
- 5 pump has started and it is delivering flow. But that is
- 6 not the case if the bypass valve fails to open. In
- 7 other words, you would be deadheading the pump. But the
- & logic would suggest I have flow because I have power at
- g the pumps.
- 10 This is what was uncovered by the Licensee --
- 11 a weakness in the failure modes and effects analysis not
- 12 recognizing now that by closing that valve, the bypass
- 13 valve, and not assuming that it could fail to open, you
- 14 could fail to deliver the necessary cooling to the
- 15 diesels. You could lose all cooling to the four
- 16 diesels.
- 17 What has been done now is they have modified
- 18 the design to put a flow meter that was installed in the
- 19 connecting line. So you will, if you sense low flow,
- 20 then you transfer immediately to emergency service water
- 21 systems, being a certainly more direct way of doing it.
- 22 So the modification that has been installed now is based
- 23 on a flow rate in the combined line there leading up to
- 24 the four diesel generators.
- 25 Between A and C there is a flow meter, and if

- 1 it measures low flow, then the transfer is automatically
- 2 made to pick up flow from emergency service water pumps
- 3 B and D.
- 4 Now what we were talking about in the ECCS
- 5 analysis is the fact that as part of the review of
- 6 emergency core cooling system it was demonstrated as
- 7 part of the safety analysis report that low pressure --
- 8 okay, now it is going to take a little bit more time and
- 9 we are going to have to go to the next slide.
- Now, this is the schematic of the BWR with the
- 11 emergency core cooling systems. What we traditionally
- 12 do is we identify a break in any part of the primary
- 13 coolant system and then we search for any single
- 14 failure. You can have a single failure of a valve, of a
- 15 diesel, of a pump. And you look at the remaining
- 18 available emergency core cooling systems and decide that
- 17 you can satisfy basically Appendix K ECCS criteria.
- 18 So this is done. We traditionally do this as
- 19 part of every safety analysis review, and it is tedious
- 20 because depending upon where you choose your break, you
- 21 can either have or not have certain ECCS system
- 22 availability.
- Now, what we have been able to show from the
- 24 reanalysis done by the Licensee is that given that --
- 25 now I am going to draw your attention to what are called

- 1 low pressure injection pumps A and C, for example.
- 2 These are the oumps we talked about as being able to
- 3 operate for ten minutes without any cooling to them
- 4 provided by the emergency service water.
- 5 Now what we have been able to demonstrate, the
- 6 Licensee has demonstrated and we agree, is that for any
- 7 combination, combination of pipe break coupled with a
- 8 single failure, the resulting ECCS equipment which may
- 9 rely on a LPCI pump, as long as it runs for ten minutes,
- 10 you will provide sufficient water to the vessel such
- 11 that the remaining emergency core cooling systems would
- 12 continue to cool the core.
- 13 What it really amounts to, sir, is that the
- 14 low pressure core injection provides a sufficient level
- 15 in the vessel or brings the water level back up high
- 16 enough such that things like core spray that would
- 17 continue to cool the core.
- 18 Now the Licensee is not satisfied with this
- 19 design as it currently exists. He wants to restore the
- 20 emergency service water system to its original design --
- 21 that is, be able to sustain any single failure and not
- 22 suffer loss of something like a low pressure core
- 23 injection pump because it failed to receive cooling. In
- 24 other words, the logic is a little strange, but if you
- 25 lose a low pressure core injection -- an emergency

- 1 service water pump, the low pressure core injection pump
- 2 which was receiving water from it would start up and
- 3 deliver, and we would take credit for it in certain
- 4 conditions, but only for ten minutes.
- Then we assume it fails. Now the Licensee
- 6 last week ran a test. Specifically, he took a low
- 7 pressure core injection pump without any cooling to the
- 8 bearings, to the seals, to the room. He ran it for
- 9 10-1/2 minutes.
- 10 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: And then it failed?
- 11 MR. NOVAK: No, he secured it. No, actually
- 12 he extrapolated that he could go as far as 20 to 25
- 13 minutes before exceeding any design temperature limit by
- 14 the vendor of the pump or the motor.
- 15 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Normally would you
- 16 accept a 10-1/2-minute test as proof that something
- 17 could operate for ten sinutes?
- 18 MR. NOVAK: It depends.
- 19 MR. DENTON: I do not think we would for forty
- 20 years, but in this case when they are going to restore
- 21 it in the near future, we did.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: They have plans to fix
- 23 this up?
- 24 MR. NOVAK: Yes. They have not decided on
- 25 specifically what design modification.

- 1 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: But you are accepting the
- 2 present condition?
- 3 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I guess normally,
- 4 Harold, I would have expected that you never accept a
- 5 10-1/2-minute test as proof for ten minutes.
- 6 MR. DENTON: Well, in this case we did.
- 7 MR. NOVAK: Well, let me explain, sir.
- 8 Actually, the test did not simulate all conditions. The
- 9 suppression pool temperatures were much lower, so a
- 10 number of things were done to extrapolate. But given
- 11 you extrapolate and I agree, I think, if I bump the
- 12 limit at 10-1/2 minutes I might be concerned.
- 13 What they did was they ran the test for 10-1/2
- 14 minutes and if they continued they estimated they would
- 15 reach temperature limits in 20 to 25 minutes. Clearly,
- 16 part of our thinking is that there is a long-term
- 17 modification proposed by the Licensee. He has not
- 18 selected the specific modification, but he intends to
- 19 restore the design to its original intent, the as-built
- 20 configuration.
- 21 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Do you have some time
- 22 at which you are going to require that?
- 23 MR. NOVAK: He has committed to providing
- 24 us -- by a certain date we will have an identification
- 25 of the design modification. Accompanying that will be a

- 1 schedule for the implementation.
- 2 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Do you have some
- 3 estimate, though, on your own of for how long? Harold
- 4 just said he would not accept that for forty years. Do
- 5 you have some estimate of how long you would accept it?
- 6 MR. NOVAK: I would like to recommend -- I
- 7 first would like to hear from the Licensee as to the
- 8 range of times he expects. He has three proposals, at
- 9 least, in mind and I think perhaps he could answer as to
- 10 possible scheduling times.
- 11 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I am not asking his
- 12 possible schedule. Harold just pointed out you would
- 13 not accept it for forty years. I am just asking do you
- 14 have some estimate? In other words, are you saying that
- 15 you are going to require that you can tolerate this
- 16 until the first refueling outage?
- 17 MR. NOVAK: I would say until the first
- 18 refueling. I would say the risks involved from now till
- 19 the first refueling are acceptable. The system will
- 20 operate. It will meet the requirements. The ECCS
- 21 System will perform. I think it is the desire of the
- 22 Licensee and us that we restore this design to its
- 23 original intent.
- 24 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Can we hear from the
- 25 company what their thinking is on this point?

- 1 MR. CRIMMINS: My name is Tom Crimmins,
- 2 Manager, Nuclear Plant Engineering, PP&L.
- 3 We agree with the Staff. We do have several
- 4 concepts which we discussed with them which we are now
- 5 evaluating in terms of procurement restraints or design
- 6 restraints and construction schedule. There is no
- 7 question that we would have these modifications done by
- 8 the first refueling outage and feel quite comfortable
- 9 with that schedule.
- 10 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Thank you.
- 11 MR. NOVAK: Those were the specific items we
- 12 wanted to bring to the Commission's attention. We are
- 13 available to answer any other questions.
- 14 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Two other questions that
- 15 came out of the SER, and I am trying to make sure I get
- 16 the right part. I think it is on the bottom of 4-2 and
- 17 the top of 4-3. "The Staff has reviewed the information
- 18 provided by Licensee in the above-fiscussed report and
- 19 concludes that the interim operation of Susquehanna Unit
- 20 1 with unqualified equipment relative to the postulated
- 21 scram discharge volume pipe break environment is
- 22 justified for one fuel cycle."
- 23 I was wondering why was it justified for using
- 24 unqualified equipment.
- 25 MR. NOVAK: Dick Vollmer will respond, sir.

- 1 MR. VOLLMER: This is an item that had not
- 2 been put into the qualification program until, oh, a
- 3 year or so ago when we had the Brown's Ferry incident, I
- 4 believe it was, in the scram discharge volume. As a
- 5 result of that, we have gone back and looked at
- 6 qualification of equipment in this area and have found
- 7 some to be not qualified.
- 8 In the specific case of Susquehanna we believe
- 9 that because of the low likelihood of a failure of scram
- 10 discharge volume and because of the minimal
- 11 environmental requirements on the equipment, even though
- 12 they do not meet the full range of parameters that would
- 13 be expected if it broke, we feel that basically from a
- 14 probability and consequence point of view it is
- 15 acceptable to allow it to go for one refueling cycle.
- 16 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: They are not
- 17 seismically qualified. Is that right?
- 18 MR. VOLLMER: Seismically? I cannot respond
- 19 to that on environmental qualifications.
- 20 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I am talking about the
- 21 scram discharge volume.
- 22 MR. WOLLMER: In that category of piping I
- 23 suspect they are no seismically qualified. Somebody
- 24 else might respond to that. I do not believe it is
- 25 seismically qualified.

- 1 MR. NOVAK: It is not part of the reactor
- 2 cooling system pressure.
- 3 MR. VOLLMER: The reactor piping system would
- 4 not be seismically qualified.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Dick, will they be
- 8 qualifying this equipment in the first fuel cycle?
- 7 MR. VOLLMER: That is correct.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Are we treating them any
- 9 differently from anybody else on this matter?
- 10 MR. VOLLMER: No. As a matter of fact, I
- 11 guess LaSalle had the same consideration at that time,
- 12 and we are using the same basis.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, let's see. If
- 14 that equipment fails, if the scram discharge volume
- 15 should fail, then the unqualified equipment is in
- 16 jeopardy, and what does that do to functioning of, say,
- 17 emergency cooling systems?
- 18 MR. VOLLMER: I do not believe the lack of
- 19 qualification would jeopardize the emergency cooling
- 20 system. It could jeopardize, let's see -- I am trying
- 21 to figure out exactly what. I think reactor shutdown
- 22 and cooldown would be protected, although certain ECCS
- 23 equipment would not be fully qualified to function.
- 24 But there are alternate paths to achieve
- 25 shutdown and cooldown. That and the low likelihood of

- 1 occurrence was really the basis for the Staff's
- 2 recommendations.
- 3 MR. DENION: And page 3 of the SER does
- 4 indicate that the Susquehanna safety discharge volume
- f piping is designed to seismic category 1 requirements.
- 6 MR. VOLLMER: Is it seismic category 1?
- 7 MR. DENTON: The piping. Down near the bottom
- 8 of that paragraph. Perhaps the equipment in the area is
- 9 not, but the piping is.
- 10 MR. VOLLMER: Yes. Okay, right.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Down there is says
- 12 vent and drain valves are not. The way out of this is
- 13 to get the equipment qualified, you said. By when?
- 14 MR. VOLLMER: Get full qualification of
- 15 equipment by the first refueling outage.
- 16 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: And what is the
- 17 alternative path for shutdown, you say, if we have
- 18 trouble with this equipment?
- 19 MR. EISENHUT: Let me make a qualifying
- 20 comment. This did not come out of the Brown's Ferry
- 21 concern. It does not relate to the capability of
- 22 shutting down the reactor.
- 23 This came out of the Michaelson review,
- 24 NUREG-803, where there was a concern that following a
- 25 scram, when it works right, the system is pressurized

- 1 and you could have basically a loss of coolant from that
- 2 flow path that comes down through the scram system.
- 3 Then you could get, because of that accident, which was
- 4 not previously postulated and the scram discharge had
- 5 not historically been a part of the pressure boundary,
- 6 not under the thorough inspection, not of the highest
- 7 quality in the same sense of the rest of the system.
- 8 The plants are heading in the direction of
- 9 upgrading that. They are heading in the direction of
- 10 looking at the probabilities and we had a probabilistic
- 11 study that was done, that was done by the GE owners as a
- 12 group, showing that the probability of the event is
- 13 probably 10 . It is very small -- 10 , 10
- 14 range.
- 15 The concerns are twofold. One is if during
- 16 that very short period of time, during the scram, the
- 17 system gets pressurized it could fail. If it fails, of
- 18 course, you get high pressure steam, humidity on some
- 19 equipment in an area which does not normally have to
- 20 undergo that kind of qualification. So we took that
- 21 equipment, put it in the environmental qualification
- 22 area.
- 23 The second ultimate concern would be if the
- 24 system fails it is literally flooding on the floor,
- 25 Which was Paul Michaelson's original concern -- was that

- 1 you start flooding the building because if you then have
- 2 valve failures or if you then have leakage through the
- 3 control drive seals, you have a path of primary coolant
- 4 coming down to the floor of the building and, in fact,
- 5 you are in a little of a race.
- 6 You are depressurizing the reactor to get the
- 7 pressure down as fast as you can and the longer it takes
- 8 to get down the more water gets out. So it is a concern
- 9 we felt was low probability but it was one we wanted to
- 10 follow up on.
- 11 Up until the last few months, the Licensees,
- 12 the new applicants, were heading in the direction of
- 13 showing that the probability was so low it need not be
- 14 considered. Remember when we discussed this back in
- 15 September, the point was that we were likely going to
- 16 tell them that the PRA would not completely hack it. We
- 17 have subsequently told them that. They have put this
- 18 equipment into the equipment qualification program, but
- 19 we believe that the probability of it, taken together
- 20 with the fact that the system, even though we say it is
- 21 not a seismic 1-qualified shown system -- it does not
- 22 meet all the high standards -- it may well turn out to
- 23 be of equal qualification.
- 24 The Licensee is verifying the category 1
- 25 nature of it. It is something that we feel we have the

- 1 time to qualify the equipment and it has been put in the
- 2 program. It may not be exactly like the first BWR we
- 3 reviewed because our position has been evolved, but this
- 4 is the position we are taking now on all the plants and
- 5 we will be taking on all the operating reactors as
- 6 well.
- 7 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Darryl --
- 8 MR. VOLLMER: Let me respond to the Chairman's
- 9 specific question. The ECCS would be available for a
- 10 short period of time, as indicated in the SER. And if
- 11 the equipment were to fail, then the condensate pumps
- 12 outside of containment would be available to keep the
- 13 reactor water level adequate. So that is really the
- 14 backup availability of cooling and core water level.
- 15 MR. DENTON: So in effect it is a non-isolable
- 16 small accident cooling event and there are a lot of ways
- 17 to get water into the core to have the equipment
- 18 working, and that is the EQ task, to make sure that none
- 19 of this can prevent the systems from working that would
- 20 normally use the supply water, including normal
- 21 condensate.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: So we do have a backup.
- 23 MR. DENTON: Yes, sir.
- 24 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Darryl, you mentioned
- 25 the PRA, so that leads me to a question I have on the

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- 1 SER, and this is number 4, looking at pages 4-1 and
- 2 4-2. I am a little confused. One minor question and
- 3 then a second one.
- 4 The minor question is I gather that we have
- 5 been having a number of discussions with respect to a
- 6 number of people on PRA and it appears that we document
- 7 our things by telephone conversation. Is that it?
- 8 MR. EISENHUT: No, but it certainly would
- 9 appear that way.
- 10 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I would hope we would
- 11 have some other documentation other than a telephone
- 12 conversation.
- 13 MR. EISENHUT: And I think it is not a PRA so
- 14 much as it is a probability study.
- 15 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Well, the first item
- 16 is, as a standard practice I would hope we would not use
- 17 telephone conversations as the basic --
- 18 MR. EISENHUT: I agree 100 percent.
- 19 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: What are you referring
- 20 to?
- 21 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: On page 4-1, it says
- 22 "The Staff noted in a telephone conversation with the
- 23 Licensee," and in the past we have had enough problems
- 24 keeping track with agreements back and forth. That is
- 25 not a good one. But it says that the Staff informed the

- ! Licensee that regardless of the outcome of the PRA
- 2 essential equipment should be included in the
- 3 qualification program.
- 4 Then, on page 4-2, we say because of the very
- 5 low probability calculated by the PRA, the Staff agreed
- 6 to consider the need for upgrading, et cetera. And I
- 7 was wondering if this represents -- what is the Staff's
- 8 current position with respect to the use of PRA?
- 9 MR. DENTON: You mean PRA in general?
- 10 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Well, here I am using
- 11 this as an example. It seemed that at one stage we were
- 12 saying that regardless of the PRA you must do something,
- 13 and then it seems to say that however, because of the
- 14 PRA we are going to reconsider our position. I find no
- 15 problem with that. I was just wondering what is the
- 16 message.
- 17 MR. DENTON: As I recall this issue, Mr.
- 18 Michaelson produced a report that had calculated some
- 19 probabilities for this event occurring and GE responded
- 20 with some much lower numbers, and then we subsequently
- 21 got into the fray and gave our view back to Mr.
- 22 Michaelson on what we thought they were.
- 23 We do not have a probabilistic staff down here
- 24 today to go into that, but it has been evolving over
- 25 about a year and I think the position we have taken with

- 1 GE is that -- and what this paragraph was intended to
- 2 imply -- was that because of the uncertainties in this
- 3 area we have come to the conclusion that they should
- 4 provide equipment qualification for equipment in that
- 5 area.
- 6 I think overall we continue to think it is
- 7 very low probability of the kind of event occurring that
- 8 is possible in there, but it was not sufficiently low
- 9 that we could say no equipment qualification for the
- 10 equipment. But it is a generic issue for boiling water
- 11 reactors and not specific to Susquehanna.
- 12 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I appreciate that, and
- 13 I was more interested in whether this was an evolving
- 14 indication or an evolving NRR position on whether or not
- 15 licensees should attempt to use PRA to explain their
- 16 positions.
- 17 MR. DENTON: I agree with the use of risk
- 18 assessment as a tool. We do not always agree with each
- 19 other, but I encourage the use of it.
- 20 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: So you are saying the
- 21 statement that regardless of the outcome of the PRA
- 22 essential equipment, et cetera, the phrase "regardless
- 23 of the outcome" is not necessarily an operable phrase.
- MR. DENTON: I think that is just poorly
- 25 written. The fact that we could not come to agreement

- 1 on the PRA is a better way of saying it.
- 2 MR. EISENHUT: I would think that is a better
- 3 characterization.
- 4 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: I had one other question,
- 5 Harold. On page 9-1 of the SER it discusses fire
- 6 protection systems, discusses fire resistance rating of
- 7 the cable wrap and then says "Licensee has committed to
- 8 provide the cable wrap praviously approved and install
- 9 it in a manner recently tested."
- 10 Is that being done before full power?
- 11 MR. PERTS: The installation of the cable wrap
- 12 has been completed that was specified.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: You say corrected?
- 14 MR. PERTS: It is completed. They installed
- 15 cable wrap on trays that were located in, I believe it
- 16 was, the remote shutdown panel room.
- 17 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I thought the wrap had
- 18 been installed improperly.
- 19 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Or the wrong wrap.
- 20 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: The same wrap.
- 21 MR. PERTS: There was wrap in the shutdown
- 22 room, but the test that was used or provided to us as to
- 23 accept it was unacceptable for cable trays that did not
- 24 have the outer fiberglass coating. The wrap that was
- 25 installed in the remote shutdown room did not have that

- 1 outer fiberglass coating.
- We required then that they add that outer
- 3 fiberglass coating. With the outer fiberglass coating,
- 4 it is acceptable as a 1-R barrier and that installation
- 5 has been completed.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: And I gather that was the
- 7 material originally tested.
- 8 SR. PERTS: That is correct.
- 9 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: You regard that problem
- 10 as resolved?
- 11 MR. PERTS: Yes, I do.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Are there other
- 13 questions?
- 14 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: The last time you
- 15 talked about this nearby gas line. I assume all that
- 16 has been -- you have got some administrative fix on
- 17 that.
- 18 MR. NOVAK: Yes, sir, and our discussions are
- 19 continuing. The Licensee is involved in a contract
- 20 negotiation with the owner of the gas line. There is an
- 21 area yet that we continue to work on, and that is that
- 22 the owner of the gas line feels that under certain
- 23 emergency conditions -- that is, if there were to be a
- 24 break in the line somewhere else -- he is required to
- 25 increase the flow rate through that line, potentially

- 1 above the value that we have evaluated.
- Now he must do that for safety reasons, and
- 3 the discussions that we are having right now are to
- 4 develop adequate compensatory measures -- that is, a
- 5 surveillance of the gas line in the proximity of the
- 8 plant, monitors perhaps, but something that would be
- 7 done in the event of an unusual event such as a pipe
- 8 break somewheres else in that pipe system.
- 9 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: But in the absence of
- 10 that, has he agreed to the 39?
- 11 MR. NOVAK: Yes, he has. There will be
- 12 modifications to the system to make it passively limited
- 13 to 39.
- Now just to correct -- if it were the same
- 15 emergency situation, he would actually have to make a
- 16 physical modification to that line to increase the
- 17 flow.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: What is the concern
- 19 about the line -- that the line itself might explode or
- 20 that you would have a release of gas?
- 21 MR. NOVAK: That the line could explode and
- 22 that an explosive mixture could find its way to the
- 23 plant.
- 24 MR. DENTON: I think we are not worried about
- 25 the explosion of the pipe affecting the plant but it is

- 1 the cloud that would drift over.
- 2 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: The release of the
- 3 gas.
- 4 MR. NCVAK: A burnable mixture could find its
- 5 way to the plant.
- 6 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: How close?
- 7 MR. NOVAK: At the closest point it is 1,500
- 8 feet.
- 9 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I had some questions on
- 10 the thing itself.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Are you through with your
- 12 presentation?
- 13 MR. NOVAK: Yes.
- 14 MR. DENTON: Actually there is one area that
- 15 we wanted to call to your attention in view of some of
- 16 the discussions in the past few days in Pennsylvania.
- 17 In the license itself on page three we had
- 18 required that adequate supplies of potassium iodide for
- 19 outside emergency workers be obtained by the State of
- 20 Pennsylvania to meet their state plan or a contingency
- 21 plan be developed. That requirement came directly from
- 22 a FEMA finding and I think it is related to the fact
- 23 that the State, in FEMA's view, does not meet its
- 24 present plan, they either comply with the plan or change
- 25 their plan.

- 1 We are attempting to ascertain is that still
- 2 FEMA's position today, but I did want to flag it since
- 3 it does deal with some of the same issues that we were
- 4 confronted with with TMI. As far as we have been able
- 5 to determine, it is FEMA's position the state does not
- 6 meet its plan in this area.
- 7 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: And you are giving them
- 8 until March 1 to 10 that?
- 9 MR. DENTON: Yes, and all three of these
- 10 conditions were lifted from FEMA's letter.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: What about other
- 12 aspects of emergency planning? Have you got anything to
- 13 say on that subject? Where do they stand with respect
- 14 to exercises?
- 15 MR. DENTON: I do not know if we have anyone
- 16 who can address that this morning.
- 17 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Will there be a
- 18 full-scale exercise at this plant?
- 19 MR. RHODES: I am Gary Rhodes, Senior Resident
- 20 up there. They had a full-scale exercise last March
- 21 which we, of course, observed and FEMA also observed,
- 22 and the results were that we found it adequate and
- 23 acceptable.
- 24 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: This involved the
- 25 state and a range of participants?

- 1 MR. RHODES: This involved the state, right.
- 2 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Did you have a
- 3 follow-up?
- 4 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: It is more back to the
- 5 point that Harold raised on the potassium odide. I
- 6 noticed in SER Number 4 on page 13-1, section 1, it
- 7 says: "The State is committed to develop procedures and
- 8 provide procedures to FEMA by October 1, 1982." Was
- 9 that done?
- 10 MR. EISENHUT: I do not think it did and, in
- 11 fact, there was another letter from FEMA on October 4
- 12 where they reiterated that while things were proceeding
- 13 quite well they still recommended the conditions that
- 14 were in their August 30 letter, which includes potassium
- 15 ioiide be imposed for completion of the outside
- 16 emergency preparedness items within this given time
- 17 period.
- 18 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: So the state did not
- 19 meet its commitment.
- 20 MR. EISENHUT: That is right. Based on this
- 21 information, it appears the October 1 date was not met.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Can I return to the
- 23 emergency planning point? On page 13-2, point 4 says
- 24 the adequacy of the public notification system must be
- 25 verified, as called for in FEMA-NRC joint criterion and

- 1 so on. What is that referring to?
- 2 MR. RHODES: That is also being completed.
- 3 The interim agreement basically set out certain criteria
- 4 that they had to go out and do testing of the full
- 5 emergency notification system. I forget right now
- 6 exactly when that was done.
- 7 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: But it has been done?
- 8 MR. RHODES: But it has been done and we
- 9 observed that.
- 10 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Before you sit down,
- 11 following up on item 4 I just read down a little farther
- 12 on page 13-2. It says that is a generic item which will
- 13 be completed following the development of criteria and
- 14 an implementation schedule by FEMA. So I gather that
- 15 not only have they done whatever the test was but since
- 16 November '82 when this thing came out they have also
- 17 developed criteria?
- 18 MR. RHODES: Let me go back. There was an
- 19 interim criteria that was written up. They tested to
- 20 that interim criteria. I am not aware personally that
- 21 the full-scale criteria has been --
- 22 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: But as I read this
- 23 section, number 4 refers to the full-scale criteria.
- 24 MR. RHODES: I do not have that in front of
- 25 me.

- COMMISSIONER AHLARNE: Well, it says, number
- 2 4, "The adequacy of the public alerting and notification
- 3 system much be verified as called for in the FEMA-NRC
- 4 joint criteria, as stated in NUREG-0654," et cetera.
- 5 And then down at the bottom of the section it says:
- 6 "Item 4 is a generic item which will be completed
- 7 following the development of criteria and an
- 8 implementation schedule by FEMA."
- 9 MR. RHODES: What we observed and what they
- 10 tested to was an interim criteria. Again, I do not have
- 11 the SER in front of me right now so there may be further
- 12 testing the Staff has requested be done.
- 13 MR. DENTON: The Staff in charge of this area
- 14 did not think there were any unresolved issues in this
- 15 area.
- 16 MR. STARSTECKY: You are correct. FEMA has
- 17 not yet published the final criteria to where they test
- 18 the sirens and the other off-site devices, so it is like
- 19 any other operating plant. It is what do you do in the
- 20 interim and we are waiting on all of these plants for
- 21 the final criteria.
- 22 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: On the same page, the
- 23 State has committed to revise the State Radiological
- 24 Emergency Plans by October 31, 1982. Have they done
- 25 that?

- MR. DENTON: I do not know if the Staff would
- 2 know. Perhaps we could ask the Licensee.
- 3 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: This is to reflect the
- 4 elimination of the field of forward EOC concept.
- 5 MR. BARBER: I am Bill Barber, PP&L
- 6 Licensing.
- 7 It is my understanding that activity has been
- 8 complete, although I cannot tell you when it was
- 9 completed.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Are there any plans
- 11 for another exercise in 1983?
- 12 MR. BARBER: Yes.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: A full-scale
- 14 exercise?
- 15 MR. BARBER: I am not sure it meets the
- 16 full-scale definitions, but there is an exercise
- 17 scheduled for March 1983 that will involve at least a
- 18 portion of the state organization and will involve the
- 19 local organizations.
- 20 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Because a number of
- 21 things seem to have been done in the past year that
- 22 would be useful to test full scale.
- 23 MR. STARSTECKY: We are right now in the
- 24 process of developing a schedule, the exercise schedule,
- 25 for all of the plants next year and whether Susquehanna

- 1 gets the full-scale with FEMA observing and full state
- 2 participation is still open because a state like
- 3 Pennsylvania does not want to marshall its resources for
- 4 all of the plans, so we are working that out with them
- 5 now.
- 6 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: But this is one that
- 7 is starting up and it sounds to me as if it would be
- 8 useful to apply that here.
- MR. STARSTECKY: The Licensee will be required
- 10 to have his full-scale exercise and the local
- 11 communities in the area will also. Now as to the degree
- 12 to which we can get the state to participate, I cannot
- 13 answer that right now because that depends on what other
- 14 exercises they have to participate in.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Is there a question about
- 16 dosimetry for emergency workers on this plant as was
- 17 discussed in TMI?
- 18 MR. DENTON: I do not know what the situation
- 19 is here.
- 20 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I thought the Licensee
- 21 was paying for the dosimetry.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: There is no issue on the
- 23 dosimetry question as to whether or not they are going
- 24 to use TLDs or any other kind?
- 25 MR. DENTON: I know the issue, but I do not

- 1 know the answer.
- 2 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: The answer is the
- 3 Licensee has agreed.
- 4 COMMISSIONER ASSELSTINE: There were some nods
- 5 out there.
- 6 MR. DENTON: Why don't we have a Licensee
- 7 spokesman?
- 8 MR. BARBER: There had been a dosimetry
- 9 question raised, but the issue is resolved at this
- 10 point. The question involved self-reading dosimeters,
- 11 both the type and the number. The question on TLDs was
- 12 not an issue on Susquehanna. There are adequate numbers
- 13 of dosimeters being provided and at some point in time
- 14 the type of self-reading dosimetery will be as
- 15 recommended and as specified in the state plan.
- 16 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: I see, but there is no
- 17 issue with regard to TLDs, the use of TLDs.
- 18 MR. DENTON: Let me make sure I understand
- 19 it. Does that mean that you are going to provide the
- 20 state people with two self-reading pocket dosimeters of
- 21 different ranges and one TLD for permanent record?
- 22 MR. BARBER: That is what is going to be
- 23 provided by the state.
- 24 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: What was that?
- 25 MR. DENTON: I was just trying to clarify for

- 1 my understanding what he said. In addition to the
- 2 self-reading pocket dosimeters, TLDs would be provided
- 3 for permanent record of exposure and I think you said
- 4 yes.
- 5 CHAIRMAN PALLADING: I thought he said no.
- 6 MR. BARBER: I said TLDs was not a question in
- 7 the review on Susquehanna.
- 8 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Why, because you are
- 9 going to provide them?
- 10 MR. BARBER: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Okay, thank you.
- 12 Are there any other questions?
- 13 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY. I have got a small
- 14 point. I understand there is an amendment here that
- 15 involves pre-service inspection of piping which is
- 16 impractical to do as a result of something the Licensee
- 17 did, which we asked them to do in, I guess, NUREG-0313.
- 18 Did we realize those requirement would affect the
- 19 pre-service inspection?
- MR. DENTON: Which part of the SER?
- 21 MR. MOYAK: What that refers to, of course, is
- 22 the Licenses as ed for some relief on its pre-service
- 23 inspection program. He effectively committed to a
- 24 program he finds now unachievable, in his view.
- 25 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: It is required by the

- 1 ASEE code, is it not?
- 2 MR. NOVAK: Yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Which cannot be done
- 4 because of corrosion-resistant cladding required by one
- 5 of our requirements, as I understand it, and I just
- 6 wondered whether we had foreseen this difficulty or
- 7 not.
- 8 MR. RHODES: Maybe I can help a little bit.
- 9 The cladding is part of the problem. Another problem is
- 10 there is actually a double weld involved in this area.
- 11 They had installed this piping at one time, cut it out
- 12 to make the modifications to take care of the stress
- 13 problem, to put the cladded piping in there. And
- 14 basically they have one weld right on top of another
- 15 weld.
- 16 The double weld configuration, along with the
- 17 cladding on the inside, along with a bevel arrangement
- 18 on one end of the double weld arrangement, makes it very
- 19 difficult for them to look at this one particular weld.
- 20 Because they have a double weld configuration here does
- 21 not necessarily mean they would have that same type of
- 22 configuration in most other plants.
- 23 Most plants that would be built at this time
- 24 where the piping was not already installed they would
- 25 not have this same type of problem.

- 1 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: So you are saying that
- 2 in the SER, where it refers to the impractical ASME code
- 3 examination, you to not feel that is a generic problem?
- 4 MR. RHODES: I do not feel that is a generic
- 5 problem. I feel that it is a problem just for
- 8 Susquehanna.
- 7 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Is that NRR's position?
- 8 MR. DENTON: Let me ask the Division of
- 9 Engineering. My knowledge of the situation is they did
- 10 have to make this field repair and it did result in this
- 11 very unusual weld configuration that is atypical of
- 12 boilers.
- 13 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: The question, Dick, was
- 14 in your SER you referred to an impractical ASME
- 15 code-required examinations, and I wondered whether that
- 16 was a generic problem or is it because of this specific
- 17 Susquehanna.
- 18 MR. VOLLMER: I do not believe it is generic.
- 19 I can look into that and let the Commission know.
- 20 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Because if it is a
- 21 generic problem, we have to address it.
- MR. VOLLMER: We would have go back and do
- 23 something about broader aspects, yes.
- 24 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Okay. Are there other
- 25 questions?

- 1 John?
- 2 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Working through the
- 3 SER, Number 4 -- these are just minor questions -- page
- 4 3-3. "392 dynamic test analysis of systems," et cetera,
- 5 you say as a result of the independent design
- 6 verification program it has become apparent to the Staff
- 7 that the feedwater check valve might not have been
- 8 adequately designed.
- Was that solely because of the Teledyne
- 10 independent program that you irew that conclusion?
- 11 MR. NOVAK: Let me first answer the question
- 12 as I know. I think it was through the Teledyne review
- 13 that brought it back to our attention. In other words,
- 14 in our original review of the FSAR we believed those
- 15 valves are qualified for dynamic loads.
- 16 As part of the Teledyne review which they
- 17 specifically did not address, it caused us in our
- 18 conversations to go back and question the Licensee.
- 19 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I was having difficulty
- 20 drawing that from the Teledyne report.
- 21 MR. NOVAK: Yes.
- 22 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Page 3-4, under 32 to
- 23 32-21, equipment considered conditionally acceptable,
- 24 paragraph 3, you say it is the Staff's understanding
- 25 that the Licensee had reviewed this report and that no

- 1 major concern was raised.
- I guess again as a general question I really
- 3 do not think that is a good way for the Staff to reach a
- 4 conclusion.
- 5 MR. VOLLMER: You are absolutely right.
- 6 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Have you confirmed that
- 7 understanding?
- 8 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Can I assume that you
- 9 have done more than understood that the Licensee
- 10 reviewed it?
- 11 MR. EISENHUT: Yes, you can, and we will fix
- 12 that.
- 13 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Thank you.
- 14 On page 3-6, this may be more just a general
- 15 question of the approach in SERs and I am not an avid
- 16 reader of SERs, so I cannot really remark. But I notice
- 17 on number 5 your total summary is the Staff has read the
- 18 submittal and concluded -- has reviewed the submittal
- 19 and concluded it acceptable.
- 20 And then, number 6, you had the Staff has
- 21 reviewed the submittal and concluded the device is not
- 22 acceptable for interim operation.
- 23 I would have thought that you might have a few
- 24 more words in there explaining that.
- 25 MR. DENTON: We are always working to improve

- 1 the quality of SERs because they come from perhaps
- 2 twenty different reviewers at varying grade levels and
- 3 we are always trying to improve the documentation and
- 4 the findings, and I think we put a lot more into them
- 5 now than we did a couple of years ago but try to stay
- 6 within the resource constraints at the same time.
- 7 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I understand that, but
- 8 just when I read the sentence, you reviewed and you
- 9 concluded it need not be fully qualified for interim
- 10 operation. It would probably be useful to have at least
- 11 a sentence going on.
- 12 MR. DENTON: That is a rather bald statement
- 13 and it is not supported, that is right.
- 14 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: On page 17-2 --
- 15 MR. DENTON: I guess I should mention that the
- 16 ACRS occasionally asks that we provide a summary of the
- 17 SER and give less information.
- 18 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I understand.
- 19 Down, I guess it is, oh, the fourth paragraph,
- 20 the one after the final report was issued, you say as a
- 21 result of the meeting the Staff held, although no
- 22 deficiencies affecting the plant safety resulted,
- 23 further action by the Licensee will be required, and I
- 24 guess -- is what you are really saying there is that you
- 25 saw no immediate safety problems but there were the

- 1 indications that they had to do a more extensive review,
- 2 the point you wars talking about earlier
- 3 MR. NOVAK: Yes.
- 4 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Then, my last question
- 5 is with respect to the license. On the first page,
- 6 number 2, section 1, under Maximum Power Level, you say
- 7 this is now the amendment which I gather is to go to
- 8 full power and you have, under Maximum Power Level, the
- 9 pre-operational test, startup tests and other items
- 10 identified in Attachment 1 to this license shall be
- 11 completed as specified. Attachment 1 hereby
- 12 incorporated.
- 13 I gather this the Attachment 1 that was
- 14 referred to previously because there is no Attachment 1
- 15 to this, and the previous Attachment 1 ended at five
- 16 percent.
- 17 MR. PERTS: That is correct. It is the
- 18 Attachment 1 in the original license.
- 19 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: So what it is really
- 20 saying is everything that had to be done before you go
- 21 to five percent has to be done before you go to full
- 22 power?
- 23 MR. PERTS: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: I would assume that
- 25 everything that had to be done --

- 1 MR. RHODES: There was one item in that
- 2 attachment that had to be done prior to going above five
- 3 percent, and that is ESW water hammer.
- 4 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Before going above?
- 5 MR. RHODES: Before going above five percent.
- 6 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: Right, and so I would
- 7 assume for an amendment that is going to allow them to
- 8 go above five percent they would had to have completed
- 9 everything.
- 10 MR. RHODES: All the items under Attachment 1
- 11 have been completed.
- 12 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Other questions?
- 13 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I wonder if Mr. Zerbe
- 14 has anything to add to our conversation.
- 15 COMMISSIONER ASSELSTINE: I have two questions
- 16 on the TMI action plan requirements. Beginning on page
- 17 22-1 you have a discussion of containment bridge valves
- 18 and your discussion indicates that the test program that
- 19 was done is based upon a five-inch model valve and then
- 20 you describe on page 22-1 the size of the valves in the
- 21 plant.
- 22 Is that essentially an extrapolation from the
- 23 test results up to the larger size valves and, if so, is
- 24 it likely that that is going to be an accurate predicter
- 25 of performance of the valves?

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- 1 MR. DENTON: I will see if we have someone who
- 2 can answer that.
- 3 COMMISSIONER ASSELSTINE: And while you are
- 4 looking at that, I notice you found a number of
- 5 deficiencies in the analysis that have been done and,
- 6 therefore, you have imposed restrictions on the
- 7 operability of those valves until Licensee submits an
- 8 acceptable operability analysis.
- 9 I guess what I was wondering is if there are
- 10 going to be additional tests involved in that analysis
- 11 or is it just a further analysis of the five-inch valve
- 12 test?
- 13 MR. NOVAK: Let me at least try to answer the
- 14 question. In these valves there is a certain
- 15 understanding that unless the valve is opened beyond a
- 16 certain value we have high confidence that the valve
- 17 should close. The loads resulting from accidents should
- 18 not preclude the valve closing.
- 19 So there is an ongoing verification program of
- 20 valves. I cannot be more specific than that, except
- 21 that we have confidence that as long as we limit the
- 22 valves to a certain opening position, based on the data
- 23 and the information we have in the analysis of that
- 24 valve, we are confident that the valve should close.
- Now there are ongoing tests to verify this.

- 1 MR. VOLLMER: To further answer that,
- 2 basically it is almost -- it is very difficult, if not
- 3 impossible, with current test setups to test full-size
- 4 valves because you are talking about an enormous volume
- 5 at pressure behind them. And so the deficiencies that
- 6 we find in these valves are normally of stresses on
- 7 certain points in the valves -- the mechanism, the arm
- 8 mechanism and so on -- that we really believe are
- 9 amendable to calculations and to extrapolation between
- 10 one valve size and another.
- 11 So I would guess that or I would think in this
- 12 particular instance there would be a calculation
- 13 analysis of the valve rather than the testing that would
- 14 give us the final results.
- 15 COMMISSIONER ASSELSTINE: So in any event the
- 16 restrictions on the operations of the valves would
- 17 remain in effect until you get both test results and an
- 18 analysis that you can accurately predict the operation.
- 19 MR. VOLLMER: Until we have enough analysis
- 20 that we had confidence that they could close the dynamic
- 21 ports.
- 22 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: You said both. Would it
- 23 be both, or is it either?
- 24 MR. VOLLMER: Well, one other problem in this
- 25 area, it is very sensitive to the actual setup. In

- 1 other words, if you have a pipe before the valve that
- 2 has a long, straight run, you have a linear flow. If
- 3 you have an elbow before it, you have a different
- 4 situation, so you have to look carefully at the actual
- 5 situation leading up to the valve, and these things you
- 6 could harily test all parameters.
- 7 MR. DENTON: I should mention that in a number
- 8 of these valves which fail to pass all the tests, we
- 9 have required that they be closed whenever the plant is
- 10 in substantial operation, and this review was done at
- 11 the Equipment Qualification Branch. It has gotten down
- 12 to the kind of detail that Dick mentions where they have
- 13 flow direction veins before the valves that are very
- 14 important, so it has gotten to be a very detailed kind
- 15 of review.
- 16 But I would be happy to provide you with a
- 17 description of what the basis for our confidence is in
- 18 scaling up from the five-inch to the 60-inch size.
- 19 COMMISSIONER ASSELSTINE: The second item was
- 20 on item 2.F.1, Instrumentation for Detection of
- 21 Inadequate Core Cooling. It was just unclear to me
- 22 whether that second requirement had been satisfied yet,
- 23 or whether that has to await analysis of the BWR Owners
- 24 Group report. That is, by October 31, PPEL shall submit
- 25 its proposal for item 2.F.1.

- Have they submitted that or does that have to
- 2 wait until after the analysis is done of the BWR group
- 3 report?
- 4 MR. DENTON: I think Henry Speis.
- 5 MR. YOUNGBLOOD: I think if you look down to
- 6 the next-to-the-last paragraph --
- 7 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Could you come to the
- 8 mike, please, and identify --
- 9 MR. YOUNGBLOCD: Joe Youngblood, Chief,
- 10 Licensing Branch.
- If you look at the next-to-the-last paragraph,
- 12 it was picked up there. That submittal would be made by
- 13 the BWR Owners Group until December, and the correction
- 14 was made up above.
- 15 MR. DENTON: I think Mr. Youngblood said we
- 16 are awaiting the BWR Owners Group as a foundation for
- 17 specific action.
- 18 COMMISSIONER ASSELSTINE: So until we get
- 19 that, we will not get a submittal from the Licensee.
- 20 MR. YOUNGBLOOD: Right.
- 21 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: I think you wanted OPE to
- 22 make a comment.
- 23 MR. ZERBE: I did not have any comments to
- 24 make.
- 25 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I have a comment to

- 1 make, if it is appropriate.
- 2 CHAIFMAN PALLADINO: Okay.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: One is about the plant
- 4 and the other is a more general one.
- 5 I visited the plant not too long ago and came
- 6 away thinking well of the company and their approach
- 7 toward the plant and their operation, and I hope they
- 8 will keep it up.
- A more general one is I think in meetings of
- 10 this sort I think it would be helpful to have the
- 11 company appear at the table. I think we can discuss
- 12 some of these more detailed matters more directly and
- 13 also get the company's view on some of the larger
- 14 questions. I think it would add to our meetings.
- 15 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: We will take that under
- 16 consideration.
- 17 Well, let me ask the Commissioners if they are
- 18 ready to vote on the question of approving the issuance
- 19 of a full power license. Let me ask the question.
- 20 Do the Commissioners agree to approve the
- 21 issuance of a full power license amendment for
- 22 Susquehanna Unit 1 Nuclear Plant? All those in favor,
- 23 indicate by saying aye.
- 24 (A chorus of ayes.)
- 25 CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: Opposed?

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1 (No response.)
           CHAIRMAN PALLADINO: All right, so ordered.
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        We have concluded our purpose here for the
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           (Whereupon, at 11:07 o'clock a.m., the meeting
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