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Docket No. 50-352

Mr. Graham M. Leitch, Vice President
Philadelphia Electric Company
Limerick Generating Station
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Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464-0920

Dear Mr. Leitch:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE REGARDING
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SECTION 3.0.3.

This letter confirms that on March 13, 1992, I orally granted your request to waive compliance of Technical Specification Section 3.0.3, as described in your letter dated March 16, 1992. The waiver was requested to provide a temporary extension of the time limit specified in Technical Specification (TS) Section 3.0.3 for initiating a plant shutdown from one (1) hour to four (4) hours to allow time to repair the cooling fan for a Unit 1 electrical inverter. This inverter supplies power to the Division IV control circuits and initiation logic of the Emergency Core Cooling Systems (ECCS). A copy of your request is enclosed for reference.

After careful consideration of your request, the NRC determined that the one-time extension of the time limit would have a negligible effect on reactor safety. We noted the inverter had a backup safeguards AC power supply. Use of the backup power supply would result in a slight delay in the response times of the high pressure coolant injection, the 'D' low pressure coolant injection, and the 'B' core spray systems. However, loss of the Division II power supply has been analyzed and bounds this event, and the available ECCS systems met the assumptions in the analysis. We also noted prior to removing the inverter from service, you ensured the D11 emergency diesel generator was operable, verified the operability and stability of the offsite power supply, and agreed to immediately commence a Unit 1 shutdown during the four hour waiver of compliance should another event or condition occur that would require entry into TS Section 3.0.3.

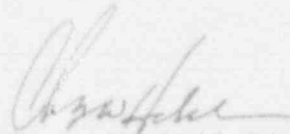
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I understand you successfully completed the inverter repair work within the 4 hours on March 14, 1992, exited TS Section 3.0.3, and terminated this Temporary Waiver Of Compliance.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Hehl, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: As stated

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