September 13, 1984

Docket No. 50-334

Mr. J. J. Carey, Vice President Duquesne Light Company Nuclear Division Post Office Box 4 Shippingport, PA 15077

Dear Mr. Carey:

SUBJECT:

BEAVER VALLEY UNIT 1 - REQUESTED AMENDMENT

ON BATTERY SURVEILLANCE

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By letter dated June 21, 1984 you requested an amendment to the operating license, adding a footnote to page 3/4 8-9 of the Technical Specifications to allow postponement of the battery service test (which was to be carried out in Fall of 1983) until the 4th refueling outage (in October 1984). This request is a result of your discovery that the battery test actually carried out in Fall 1983 was inadequate to satisfy Technical Specification 4.8.2.3.2.d. You have filed an LER on this, and have evaluated the safety of continued plant operation.

We have completed review on the technical aspect of this request. We conclude that based on the results of the tests performed which include a test other than that called for by Specification 4.8.2.3.2.d, the batteries can be considered operable as defined in Technical Specification 1.6 for the period of time until the next refueling, at which time a proper service test will be performed. We believe that there is no need for an amendment and that any appropriate enforcement action is left to Region I. No further action will be taken by NRC Headquarters.

/s/SVarga

Steven A. Varga, Branch Chief Operating Reactors Branch #1 Division of Licensing

Enclosure: As stated

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