

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENER: Y COMMISSION DIRECTORATE OF REGULATORY OPERATIONS REGION 1 631 PARK AVENUE KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Note to the File

Jersey Central Power & Light Company Oyster Creek Docket No. 50-219

Subject: Telephone Call to Ivan Finfrock, Vice President on September 14, 1973.

I called Mr. Finfrock on the above date to follow up on telephone calls by Mr. O'Reilly to Dr. Bartnoff, President of Jersey Central Power & Light Company and Mr. William G. Kuhns, President of GPU on that date. Mr. Finfrock was out -- he returned the call on September 17th.

The purpose of all three calls was to express Region I's concern regarding the failure of JC to live up to commitments made by them (Dr. Bartnoff and Finfrock) in a meeting held at their offices in May 1973 to take appropriate corrective action with respect to a number of significant management type deficiencies that were identified to them. Recent observations by our inspectors in the areas of the snubber problems, including specifically to report the recent startup transformer difficulties, and the more recent health physics inspection, were used to exemplify our current concerns.

Specific attention was focused on the licensee's failure to develop and implement, in a timely manner, their Quality Assurance Program for Operations. This issue was put in the context of the thrust of recent hearings at which the Quality Assurance Program for Operations has received much attention. Mr. Finfrock was advised that with regard to their forthcoming conversion from a provisional to a full-term license, Region I will be looking for an <u>implemented</u> program, and that of necessity, a finding regarding same must be arrived at several months prior to conversion time. Mr. Finfrock was told that from where we sat, our concerns translated into a need for a stepped change input of manpower now, concurrent with a stepped up recruitment program.

Mr. Finfrock stated that they had been putting forth major efforts in the area of recruitment but unsuccessfully, and that they have recently come to the realization and have taken action towards increasing their salary

offers. He indicated that they were encouraged that this will make the difference as far as attracting new people. He acknowledged the Region I concerns, stating that they were shared. He indicated that Region I would be kept informed of their progress.

R. T. Carlson, Chief

Facility Operations Branch

cc: James P. O'Reilly

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