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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 7920 Norfolk Avenue Bethesda, MD 20814

Attention: Mr. Walter Butler, Chief

Licensing Branch 2 Division of Licensing

Gentlemen:

HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION DOCKET NO. 50-354

We have reviewed the draft Hope Creek Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) submitted by your letter of July 26, 1985. PSE&G's comments are as follows, (Note: underlined words have been added and [bracketed] words deleted from the text):

4.2.2 Terrestrial Ecology Monitoring

The applicant will implement the Salt Drift Monitoring Program to assess the impacts of cooling tower salt drift on the environment in the HCGS vicinity provided to NRC by letter dated March [18] 28, 1984 from Robert L. Mittl, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, to A. Schwencer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The monitoring program shall commence one year prior to the onset of commercial operation of the HCGS and include [one year of] low-power testing and [two years of] operational data up to three years from receipt of license or until such earlier time that the licensee can demonstrate that the objectives of the study have been fulfilled. Annual monitoring reports shall be submitted to the NRC for review.

5.1 Review [and Audit]

The licensee shall provide for review [and audit] of compliance with the EPP. The [audits] review shall be conducted independently of the individual or groups responsible

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Should you have any questions concerning these comments, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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