

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANYLIMERICK GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2DOCKET NO. 50-353ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Philadelphia Electric Company is the holder of Construction Permit CPPR-107 issued by the Commission on June 19, 1974. This permit authorizes construction of the Limerick Generating Station, Unit No. 2, presently under construction at the Company's site on the Schuylkill River, near Pottstown, in Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

On August 13, 1987, Philadelphia Electric Company (Applicant) filed a request pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 50, Section 50.55(b) for an extension of the construction completion dates for this unit. The specific request was that the earliest and latest completion dates specified in Construction Permit No. CPPR-107 for Limerick Unit 2 be extended to May 1, 1989 and January 1, 1992, respectively.

The change in the schedule for completion of the construction of Unit 2 results from suspension of construction by Applicant in accordance with the terms of an order issued by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PaPUC) on December 23, 1983. Such order directed the Applicant to: (1) suspend construction of Unit 2 pending operation of Unit 1; or (2) cancel Unit 2 or (3) continue construction of Unit 2 solely with internally generated funding. Applicant advised the PaPUC on January 24, 1984 that of the choices available, it had suspended construction of Unit 2 pending operation of Unit 1. As a result of this action all activities at the Unit 2 construction site were suspended during the period from January 1, 1984 to February 1, 1986 except essential activities required to protect the site, the public and workers and actions required to allow a prompt resumption of construction.

The NRC staff has concluded that good cause has been shown for the delay, the extension is for a reasonable period, and that this action involves no significant hazards consideration, the bases for which are set forth in the staff's evaluation of the request for extension dated May 3, 1988 .

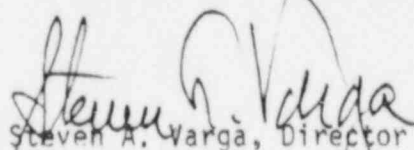
The NRC staff has prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact which was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on January 14, 1988 (53 FR 970). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that extending the construction completion date will have no significant impact on the environment.

The applicant's letter dated August 13, 1987, and the NRC staff's letter and safety evaluation on the request for extension of the construction permit, dated May 3, 1988 , are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20555 and the local Public Document Room, Pottstown Public Library, 500 High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464.

It is HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE earliest and latest completion dates for CPPR-107 be extended to May 1, 1989 and January 1, 1992, respectively.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of May 1988.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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