October 30, 1998

Mr. G. Rainey President PECO Nuclear Nuclear Group Headquarters Correspondence Control Desk P. O. Box 195 Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087-0195

SUBJECT: EXAMINATION REPORT NOS. 50-277/98-301 AND 278/98-301 (OL)

Dear Mr. Rainey:

During the period of September 14, 1998 to September 22, 1998, the facility and NRC administered initial examinations to 12 employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3. The examination was prepared by your staff using the Examination Standards, NUREG 1021, Interim Revision 8, as guidance. All applicants passed all portions of the examinations and received licenses. The applicants were well prepared for the examinations.

The initial submittal of the written examination was unacceptable. We determined that 28% of the written examination questions were inadequate for several reasons as noted herein. However, your staff now appears to understand our expectations as embodied in the Examination Standards. Your cooperation with us in this important matter was appreciated.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Carl Sisco of my staff at (610) 337-5076 or me at (610) 337-5183.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Conte, Chief Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch Division of Reactor Safety

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