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**COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULE, REVISION OF
10 CFR 55, "OPERATOR'S LICENSES," REGARDING
USE OF SIMULATION FACILITIES IN OPERATOR LICENSING
(Federal Register Vol. 65, No. 128, pp. 41021-41029, dated July 3, 2000)**

In response to a request for public input to the referenced Federal Register Notice, PSEG Nuclear LLC strongly endorses the proposed rule. The proposed change to 10 CFR 55, "Operator's Licenses", will enhance plant safety by allowing applicants for operator and senior operator licenses to fulfill a portion of the requirements for license eligibility on a plant-referenced simulator. This will reduce the number of actual plant power manipulations required to support operator certification, and the risk of plant transients and the distraction to control room personnel that is inherent in such activities. The performance of the license eligibility requirements on the simulator also permits those activities to be performed in a controlled training environment.

In addition to the benefit of the proposed rule making to plant safety, the removal of the requirements for certification of simulation facilities and the requirements for routine submittal of simulator test reports to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for review will provide a reduction in our regulatory burden.

Sincerely,

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