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License Nos. DPR-44
DPR-56

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Clarifications Regarding License Change Application ECR 00-00459

Dear Sir/Madam:

In our letter dated May 31, 2000, PECO Energy Company (PECO Energy) submitted License Change Application ECR 00-00459, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.90, requesting a change to the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS), Units 2 and 3 Facility Operating Licenses. This proposed change will revise Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.6.1.3.11 to require testing of "a representative" sample of Excess Flow Check Valves (EFCVs) such that each EFCV will be tested at least once every 10 years (nominally). Currently SR 3.6.1.3.11 requires testing of the EFCVs on a 24 month frequency.

As a result of a conference call between NRC and PECO Energy on August 10, 2000, PECO Energy will revise our 10CFR50.65 Maintenance Rule Performance Criteria to ensure EFCV performance remains consistent with the bases for the extended test interval. The new performance criteria for each unit is less than or equal to 2 failures on a 24 month rolling average. The two year rolling average was chosen to be consistent with the existing PBAPS Maintenance Rule program and the 24 month refueling cycle. When the performance criteria is exceeded, a 10CFR50.65(a)(1) determination will be performed in accordance with station procedures.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

James A. Hutton
Director - Licensing

Enclosures: Affidavit

cc: H. J. Miller, Administrator, Region I, USNRC
A. C. McMurtry, USNRC Senior Resident Inspector, PBAPS
R. R. Janati, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :

: ss.

COUNTY OF CHESTER :

J. W. Langenbach, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is Vice President of PECO Energy Company; the Applicant herein; that he has read the foregoing information regarding License Change Application ECR 00-00459, for Peach Bottom Facility Operating Licenses DPR-44 and DPR-56, and knows the contents thereof; and that the statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.




Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 18th day
of August 2000.



Notary Public

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Vivian V. Gallimore, Notary Public
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My Commission Expires Oct. 6, 2003

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