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November 21, 2016

Mr. Peter P. Sena, III
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION AND SALEM NUCLEAR
GENERATING STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION REGARDING LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO
REMOVE CERTAIN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (CAC NOS. MF8477,
MF8478, AND MF8479)

Dear Mr. Sena:

By letter dated October 17, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML16291A318), PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG or the licensee) submitted a license amendment request to revise the Hope Creek Generating Station (Hope Creek) and Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TSs) by removing certain training program requirements. Specifically, the amendments would remove TS requirements that are redundant to, or superseded by, the requirements contained in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 55, "Operators' Licenses," and 10 CFR Section 50.120, "Training and qualification of nuclear power plant personnel."

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has reviewed the licensee's application and, based upon this review, determined that additional information is needed to complete our review. On November 16, 2016, a draft of the question was sent to Mr. Paul Duke of your staff to ensure that the question was understandable, the regulatory basis for the question was clear, and to determine if the information was previously docketed. On November 21, 2016, a teleconference was held to clarify the question. Mr. Duke indicated that PSEG will submit a response within 30 days of the date of the call.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1603 or by e-mail at Carleen.Parker@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. J. Parker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-354, 50-272, and 50-311

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST REGARDING REMOVAL OF
CERTAIN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
PSEG NUCLEAR LLC
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-354

By letter dated October 17, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML16291A318), PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG or the licensee) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) to revise the Hope Creek Generating Station (Hope Creek) and Salem Nuclear Generating Station (Salem), Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TSs) by removing certain training program requirements. Specifically, the amendments would remove TS requirements that are redundant to, or superseded by, the requirements contained in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 55, "Operators' Licenses," and 10 CFR Section 50.120, "Training and qualification of nuclear power plant personnel."

For Hope Creek, this request would remove the requirements for conducting retraining for individuals identified in Section 5.5 of ANSI/ANS-3.1-1981, "Selection, Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants."¹ Section 5.5 of ANSI/ANS-3.1-1981 states, in part, that, "Mechanisms shall be established to ensure that individuals in the operating organization performing safety related functions remain cognizant of changes to the facility, procedures, governmental regulations, and quality assurance requirements...." Quality Assurance personnel are listed in Section 4.4.5 of ANSI/ANS-3.1-1981 as requiring training consistent with other professional technical personnel which are listed in 10 CFR Section 50.120. By deleting TS Section 6.4.1, it would appear that the requirement to maintain a retraining and replacement training program for quality assurance personnel would also be deleted.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has reviewed the application and, based upon this review, determined that the following additional information is needed to complete our review:

1. The LAR technical analysis states that the TS requirements are redundant to, or superseded by, 10 CFR Part 55 and 10 CFR Section 50.120. Discuss the method and guidance documents that would be used regarding training of quality assurance personnel at Hope Creek.

¹ Salem's TSs reference ANSI N18.1-1971, "Selection and Training of Nuclear Power Plant Personnel."

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Sincerely,

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