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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

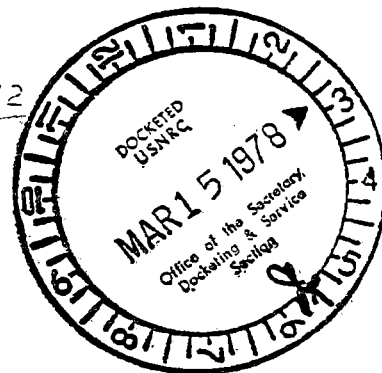
In the Matter of

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC &
GAS COMPANY, et al.

Docket No. 50-272

(Salem Nuclear Generating
Station, Unit No. 1)



REQUEST FOR A FORMAL
ADJUDICATORY HEARING
OR

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to the notice in the Federal Register Vol L3, No. 27, Wednesday, February 8, 1978, which refers to the request of Public Service Electric and Gas to amend the provisions in the Technical Specifications to permit increase in fuel storage capacity from 264 to 1,170 fuel assemblies in the spent fuel pool of the Salem Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 1.

The Sun People-Alternate Energy Advocates have long demonstrated an interest in nuclear power and have done much to fairly examine energy issues in New Jersey and throughout the United States (see attachments).

The Sun People believe their interest may be affected by the results of the hearings, for we have continually warned of the results of storage of nuclear wastes without long range plans.

The Sun People contend that our health may be impaired by low level radiation from storage at the site. Expansion of that storage only increases this risk. The fact that many of us do not live in the immediate vicinity is of little note and cannot be used to negate our interest. Our children and their families

have been lured to the site by "educational" advertizements for the Second Sun.

The Sun People further contend that South Jersey is ill-prepared to store nuclear waste on this site or anywhere nearby. We have no salt mines. Sabotage near the metropolitan areas might be easy. Evacuation plans for the plant and surrounding area have been shown to be confused.

We further contend just as we did for Hope Creek I and II (on appeal of NJCAFRA permit Sept. 1975) that no clear workable plans for handling, storage or reprocessing of radio active wastes exists. To proceed to grant any permits before this unresolved problem has been fully addressed is incomprehensible. At about that time an official of PSE & G stated "This is a government controlled problem." It certainly is! We called upon state government at that time to control the problem by not permitting it to be created until a solution can be devised. The permit was granted anyhow. PSE & G then stated (January 1976) "applicant further stresses that the hazards considerations are not within the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of New Jersey or of the Coastal Area Review Board pursuant to the doctrine of Federal Preemption."

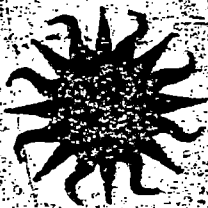
In other words, they knocked the ball back to the federal regulatory agency (NRC). So here we are again. The problem that should have been solved before the plant was ever licensed has come back to "get" us all. We hope to examine the foregoing problems with you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Fisher
Ruth Fisher
Trustee

Sworn & Subscribed
to me
this 9th day of March
1978.
Dennis J. Nagle

Bibliography
NRDC
Critical Mass, Washington, D.C.
Union of Concerned Citizens



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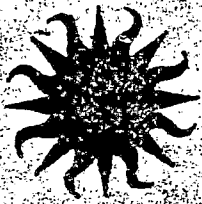
Dear Mr. Smith:

Many thanks for your prompt response.

Now, I would ask that you accept the enclosed intervention and amend it in form if necessary to make it acceptable to the NRC rules for intervention.

For us, it's a bit like playing tennis with the rules for chess.

We have continually called attention to this problem. At one of the hearings on Salem I or II or Hope Creek I or II we cited the immense problems for the ordinary citizen or citizen's group in examining the problems associated with protecting the public interest. Just as PSE&G is given planning sessions (pre-application workshops) in advance we felt and still do that the AEC and now the NRC should have conducted workshops for those who oppose continued advancement of the nuclear industry.



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As I recall, the hearing record was immediately slammed shut on this discussion, so it won't be reflected in the record. The commissioners present may recall it, however.

We have asked, apparently in vain, that our congressman - Wm. Hughes represent us at this time and we still hold out hope that he may join us as our representative at these intervention proceedings. Therefore, please excuse any minor infractions of the rules.

Thanks in advance for
your help.

Ruth Fisher
Trustee.