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May 16, 1975

Mr. William A. Anders, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street  
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Dear Commissioner Anders:

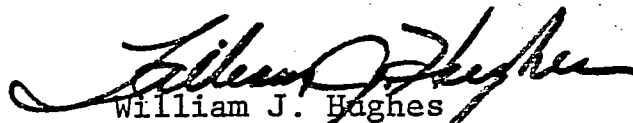
I am enclosing a letter I received from one of my constituents regarding the possible waiving of license procedures for the position of Chief Operating Engineer at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station in my District.

As you can see, the concern is that sufficient importance in terms of complete qualification for the position is being overlooked; expediency in startup seems to be dictating that less than acceptable requirements will be permitted.

I would like your response to the questions raised by Mrs. Horner in this matter, and would appreciate your reply as soon as possible.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
William J. Hughes  
Member of Congress

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed a document. Feel free looking into.

We are guaranteed a procedure for Nuclear Plants. Where is this guarantee of initial requirements if they can be waived?

This states "in order to expedite". Expedite! This plant has been under construction 8 yrs. I cannot believe they did not know what they needed in the way of personnel as they did not have the time to hire and train same.

Where does this leave the public, supposedly, trusting all rules and regulations will be carried out and so the safety factor is low as practical? With all the pros + cons on nuclear power, this type of procedure does not help allay present fears.

Let's get this whole picture out in the open. Gas - Oil - Nuclear Power but let us follow rules + regulations and not

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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and 50-311

APPLICANT: Public Service Electric & Gas Company

FACILITY: Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

MEETING OF MARCH 20, 1975 REGARDING THE PLANT STAFF AT THE TIME OF  
INITIAL STARTUP OF THE SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

Representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's staff met with representatives of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) to discuss the plant staff in regard to organization at the time of initial core loading of the Salem Nuclear Generating Station.

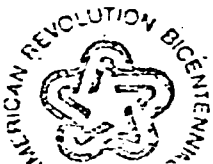
An attendance list is attached.

Significant points discussed are summarized below.

The applicant advised us that their will be 44 people assigned to the Salem startup organization including four startup specialists from Westinghouse. They also advised us that they plan to have 15 people with cold senior operating licenses and 20 people with hot operating licenses.

In order to expedite the construction and startup program at the Salem Station, PSE&G has assigned the Chief Engineer, Operations, the responsibility of directing all startup activities. The applicant advised us that because of this assignment, the Chief Engineer, Operations, could not complete his training to become a candidate for a license as a senior operator. Therefore, they requested that the requirement for the Chief Engineer, Operations, to hold a senior operator license be waived for a period of eighteen months. They also stated that the individual previously designated as the Operating Engineer was reassigned to the position of Master Mechanic.

We advised the applicant that the individual newly assigned to the position of Operating Engineer will not have the depth of experience to permit us to waive the Senior Reactor Operator license requirements for the Chief Engineer, Operations. However, we did state that if the position were to be filled by a man having the qualifications equal to the man previously assigned as Operating Engineer, we could waive this requirement for eighteen months.



The applicant then proposed to provide backup to the position of Operating Engineer with the individual previously assigned as Operating Engineer. This individual would provide backup for at least a six month period starting with fuel loading or until 50% of rated power is achieved. PSE&G also stated that the Maintenance Supervisor would be the acting Master Mechanic during this period.

We advised the applicant that on this basis, we believe the requirement that the Chief Engineer, Operations have a senior operator license could be waived for a period of eighteen months.

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Attachment:  
Attendance list