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July 20, 1982

In the Matter of the Application
For the Baltimore Gas and Electric
Company for Revisions to its
Depreciation Rates.

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Case No. 7588

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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Room P - 404A
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Dear Mr. Denton:

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E) has asked the Maryland Public Service Commission to approve changes in its depreciation rates, including those for its two nuclear generating stations Calvert Cliffs Nos. 1 and 2. One of the major issues is the life expectancy of these units, which depends on the license that has been issued by the NRC. The current license expires in the year 2009 which is 40 years from the start of construction. It is our understanding that petitions have been submitted by utilities who have requested modification of their licenses to provide for a 40-year operating license rather than having a license which includes the construction period.

In an effort to determine the proper depreciation rates for BG&E, we would like to supplement the testimony that has been given thus far with testimony from an NRC witness who would address current licensing requirements and the possibility of BG&E obtaining modifications of its

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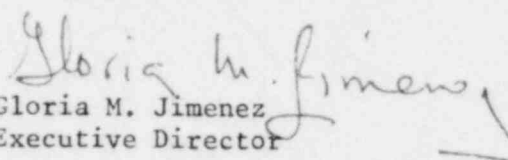
licenses for Calvert Cliffs Units No. 1 and 2. We are therefore requesting that the NRC make available to this Commission a witness who would be able to submit testimony in these areas of concern.

If our request is granted, the witness would be presented by Staff Counsel, Ronald A. Decker. The current procedural schedule provides for testimony to be prefiled on September 7, 1982. Cross examination is to take place on September 21 & 22.

The Commission will reimburse the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for compensation and traveling expenses of its employee as prescribed by law.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

By Direction of the Commission


Gloria M. Jimenez
Executive Director

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