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

SUBJECT: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Withdrawal of Request for Exemption from Certain
Requirements of Appendix J to 10CFR50

REFERENCES: 1) Letter from J. W. Gallagher (PECo) to
T. E. Murley (NRC) dated April 21, 1988
2) Letter from G. Y. Suh (NRC) to
G. A. Hunger, Jr. (PECo) dated
November 21, 1990

Dear Sir:

In the Reference 1 letter, Philadelphia Electric Company submitted to the NRC a request for exemption from certain requirements of Appendix J to 10CFR50. In the response to this request (Reference 2), the NRC stated that review of the exemption to exclude the measured main steam isolation valve leakage rates from the combined local leak rate testing limit of 0.6La is continuing.

Accordingly, Philadelphia Electric Company withdraws this particular request for exemption from certain requirements of Appendix J to 10CFR50.

It is our intent to recalculate main steam isolation valve leakage in accordance with the Boiling Water Reactor Owners' Group effort to increase main steam isolation valve leakage limits. Upon completion of this effort, a resubmittal of the exemption request will be considered.

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If you have any additional questions, please contact
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Very truly yours,

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