

BEFORE THE

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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Docket No. 50-278

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

AMENDMENT TO JANUARY 7, 1985

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT

OF

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

DPR-56

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The Application of January 7, 1985 was for the replacement of 260 fuel bundles in an outage commencing in February 1985. Because of refueling schedule changes, 284 fuel bundles are to be replaced in an outage commencing May 1985. These changes require an amendment to the aforementioned Application.

Accordingly, Philadelphia Electric Company, Licensee under Facility Operating License DPR-56 for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3, hereby amends its Application of January 7, 1985 by revising certain sections as indicated by a vertical bar in the attached Pages iv, 133d, 133e, 142 and 142a. Changes to Technical Specification pages 142h and 142i, which were proposed in the January 7, 1985 Application, remain unchanged by this Amendment.

The proposed changes identify the fuel operating limits for Cycle 7 operation. These limits are bounded by the present Technical Specifications with the exception of the MCPR values from BOC to 2000 MWD/t before EOC, when surveillance requirement 4.5.K.2.a is met, which have been adjusted accordingly. An analysis of the safety considerations involved in the reactor refueling and the Cycle 7 operating limits for all fuel types is set forth in a document titled, "Supplemental Reload Licensing Submittal for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3, Reload 6" (General Electric Document #23A4600), March 1985, which is filed herewith and incorporated herein by reference.

Additionally, the proposed changes delete reference to PTA fuel since this fuel type will no longer be used in the Unit 3 reactor.

Significant Hazards Considerations Determination

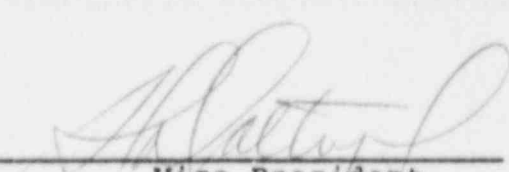
The proposed changes which identify operating limits for all fuel types for Cycle 7 operation are not significant changes since the new fuel assemblies are not significantly different from those previously found acceptable by the NRC for operation in Unit 3.

Consequently, pursuant to the guidance provided by the NRC in the Federal Register, April 6, 1983, 48 FR 14870, the proposed changes do not involve a significant hazards consideration since the request does not: (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The Plant Operating Review Committee and the Nuclear Review Board have reviewed these proposed changes to the Technical Specifications and have concluded that they do not involve an unreviewed safety question or a significant hazard consideration, and will not endanger the health and safety of the public.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: _____


Vice President

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA


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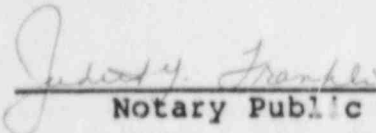
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S. L. Daltroff, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is Vice President of Philadelphia Electric Company, the Applicant herein; that he has read the foregoing Amendment to Application for Amendment of Facility Operating License and knows the contents thereof; and that the statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 29th day
of March, 1985.

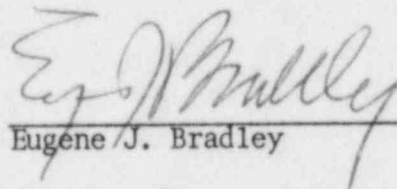


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Notary Public, Phila., Phila. Co.
My Commission Expires July 28, 1987

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that service of the foregoing Amendment was made upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by mailing a copy thereof, via first-class mail, to Thomas R. Gerusky, Director, Bureau of Radiological Protection, P. O. Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17120; all this 1st day of April, 1985.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eugene J. Bradley", is written over a horizontal line.

Attorney for
Philadelphia Electric Company