

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONPUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANYANDATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANYHOPE CREEK GENERATING STATIONDOCKET NO. 50-354NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSEAND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by Public Service Electric & Gas and Atlantic City Electric Company, (the licensees) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-57, issued to the licensee for operation of the Hope Creek Generating Station located in Lower Alloways Creek Township, Salem County, New Jersey. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was not published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Hope Creek Generating Station (HCGS) Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, Section 9.2.5, regarding the Station Service Water System and Ultimate Heat Sink.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated December 24, 1996.

By January 30, 1997, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

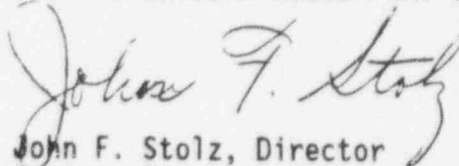
A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to M. J. Wetterhahn, Esquire, Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3502, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated August 30, 1996, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated December 24, 1996.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Pennsville Public Library, 190 S. Broadway, Pennsville, New Jersey 08070.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of December 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John F. Stolz".

John F. Stolz, Director  
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