

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Hope Creek Generating Station

Docket No: 50-354
License No: NPF-57

During an NRC inspection conducted between April 29, 1997 and May 31, 1997 a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, requires in part that measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality are promptly identified and corrected. In the case of significant conditions adverse to quality, these measures shall assure that the cause of the condition is determined and corrective action is taken to preclude repetition.

Contrary to the above, two examples of Hope Creek maintenance technicians failing to adhere to established procedural guidance for safety-related activities were identified, a significant condition adverse to quality. These examples were repetitive in nature in that they were very similar to maintenance procedural violations observed during service water system work during the Restart Assessment Team Inspection conducted in February 1996. Specifically:

- (1) On May 22, 1997, mechanical maintenance technicians performed an inspection of the "C" service water pump discharge check valve without referring to the governing maintenance procedure, HC.MD-GP.ZZ-0046(Q). Additionally, this procedure did not contain specific acceptance criteria for the valve inspection.
- (2) On May 28, 1997, following an unsuccessful technical specification required surveillance test of the high pressure coolant injection system due to the pump's minimum flow valve failing to close, operators discovered that the associated differential pressure transmitter had not been restored to service following a May 17, 1997 calibration activity in accordance with maintenance procedure HC.IC-SC.BJ-0002(Q).

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Public Service Electric and Gas Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a

"Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
this 12th day of June 1997