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January 29, 2001

Mr. James A. Hutton
Director, Licensing
PECO Energy Company
200 Exelon Way
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania 19348

Dear Mr. Hutton:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has reviewed the draft Federal Consistency certification for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS) license renewal. MDE appreciates the opportunity to review the draft prior to receiving the formal certification.

Although PBAPS is located in southeastern Pennsylvania, the Station withdraws water from, and discharges water to Conowingo Pond, a portion of which is located in Maryland. As noted in your letter, the proposed action may affect Maryland's coastal zone, and therefore, is subject to the provisions of Section 307 of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. Section 307 requires that federal activities, such as the license renewal by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with a State's federally-approved Coastal Zone Management Program.

MDE commends PECO Energy on preparing a comprehensive and thorough consistency certification and has no substantive comments on the draft document. We look forward to receiving the formal consistency certification when PECO Energy submits an application to the NRC to renew the PBAPS licenses to operate in the summer of 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 631-8093.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Coastal Zone Consistency

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