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August 9, 2000

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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
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SUBJECT: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3
License Renewal: Request for Information on
Historic/Archaeological Resources

Dear Ms. Stratton:

PECO Energy Company (PECO Energy) is preparing an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to renew the operating licenses for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS) Units 2 and 3. Current operating licenses for the two-unit plant expire in 2013 and 2014. The renewal term would be for an additional 20 years beyond the original license expiration date. As part of the license renewal process, the NRC requires license applicants to "assess whether any historic or archaeological properties will be affected by the proposed project." PECO Energy will submit the license renewal application to the NRC in 2001. By contacting your office now, we hope to identify any issues that we need to address or any information that we should provide to your office to expedite your evaluation of the impact of the continued operation of PBAPS on historic and archaeological resources.

PECO Energy has operated PBAPS and an associated transmission line since 1974. The facility is located on the west bank of Conowingo Pond in York County, Peach Bottom Township, approximately 3 miles north of the Pennsylvania-Maryland line (see attached map). Only one new transmission corridor was required to integrate PBAPS into PECO Energy's bulk power system when the facility was constructed. This transmission line, from Peach Bottom to the Keeney Substation in Delaware is the only transmission line/corridor under review during this license renewal process.

The *Final Environmental Statement related to operation of Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units 2 and 3* prepared in 1973 by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission stated that "no artifacts of historical or archaeological significance (were) found within the site boundary" during construction. An archaeologist from the William Penn Museum who conducted an evaluation of the site in 1972 observed that the impoundment of the Susquehanna River in the 1920s to create Conowingo Pond

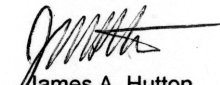
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flooded (the) floodplain and terrace areas most likely to contain cultural artifacts (*Final Environmental Statement*, 1973). PECO Energy has found no artifacts at the site or on the transmission line right-of-way during the 25 years of operation.

PECO Energy does not expect the operation of PBAPS, including maintenance of the identified transmission line, through the license renewal term (an additional 20 years) to adversely affect cultural or historical resources in the area and region. No major structural modifications have been identified for the purposes of supporting license renewal. Any maintenance activities necessary to support license renewal would be limited to previously disturbed areas. No additional land disturbance is anticipated in support of license renewal. Accordingly, we request your concurrence with our determination that the license renewal process would have no effect on any historic or archeological properties.

Please do not hesitate to call Robert Matty at (610) 765-5514 if you have any questions or require any additional information to review the proposed action. After your review, we would appreciate receiving your input by December 1, 2000, detailing any concerns you may have about historic/archaeological properties in the area or confirming PECO Energy's conclusion that operation of PBAPS over the license renewal term would have no effect on any historic or archaeological properties in Pennsylvania. This will enable us to meet our application preparation schedule. PECO Energy will include a copy of this letter and your response in the Environmental Report that will be submitted to the NRC as part of the PBAPS license renewal application.

Sincerely,



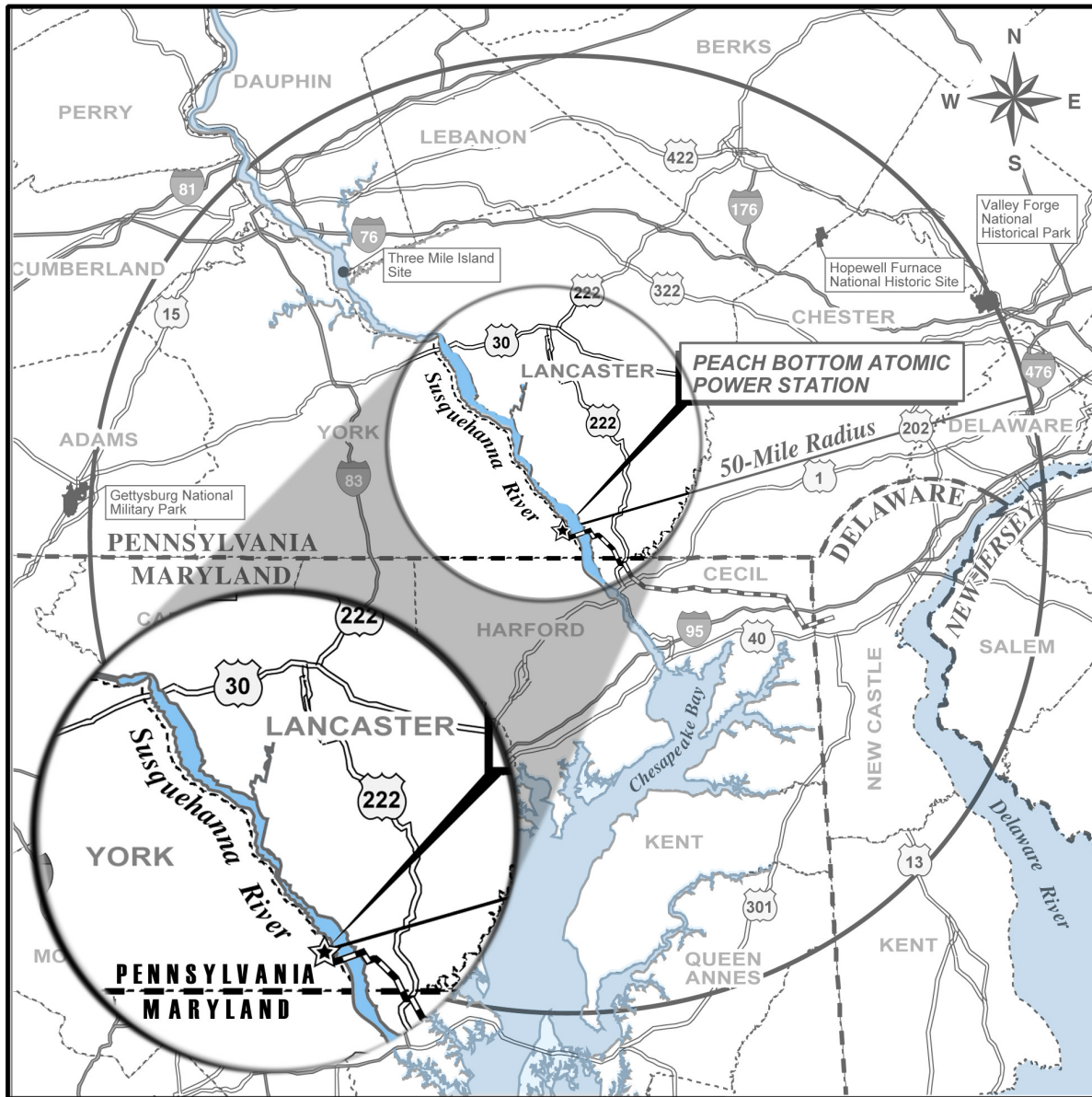
James A. Hutton
Director - Licensing

Enc: Maps of PBAPS vicinity and transmission line route
Holtwood, Wakefield, and Conowingo Quadrangle Maps with Keeney
transmission corridor highlighted

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LEGEND

- ★ Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station
- Transmission Line

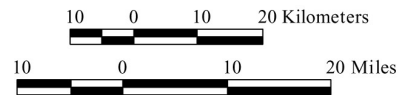


FIGURE 2. Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station 50-Mile Vicinity Map.



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December 14, 2000

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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER# 2000 3210 133 A
Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3
License Renewal
Peach Bottom Township, York County

Dear Mr. Hutton:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

It is our understanding that this project is a request for renewal of the license to operate this facility and involves only operational and maintenance activities at the current facility and an existing transmission line from the PBAPS to Keeney Substation in Delaware. National Register listed and eligible historic and archaeological resources are present in the general vicinity of the PBAPS and this transmission line. In our opinion, the re-licensing and operation of this facility will not affect any of these resources. If any future plans are developed that include expansion or modification of the existing facilities, please notify our office so that we can evaluate those plans for their effects on these resources.

If you need further information in this matter please consult Noël Strattan at (717) 772-4519.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt W. Carr".

Kurt W. Carr, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

cc: NRC
KWC/DNS