

APPENDIX E
COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY
CERTIFICATION

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September 8, 2000

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Subject: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Draft Federal Consistency Certification for Federal Permit and License
Applicants, Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station License Renewal

Dear Mr. Ghigiarelli:

I have enclosed a draft federal consistency certification for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS) license renewal. Consistent with your discussions with our representative, Bill Maher, I am providing you with this draft to afford you the opportunity to comment prior to receiving the formal certification.

Summer 2001, PECO Energy intends to submit to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) an application to renew the PBAPS licenses to operate. PBAPS is located in southeastern Pennsylvania on the western bank of Conowingo Pond on the Susquehanna River. While not located in Maryland, PBAPS withdraws water from and discharges water to Conowingo Pond. The Conowingo Dam and a portion of the pond are located within Maryland and the Maryland coastal zone. The plant's location, therefore, gives rise to the possibility of affecting the Maryland coastal zone and, as such, is subject to the provisions of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (16 USC 1451 et seq.). In accordance with the Act, PECO Energy will include in the PBAPS application, certification that license renewal would be consistent with the state coastal zone management program. Also in accordance with the Act, PECO Energy will provide your office with a copy of the certification. The Act requires the state, at the earliest practicable time, but in no case longer than six months, to notify the federal agency (i.e., NRC) and the applicant (i.e., PECO Energy), whether the state concurs or objects to the consistency certification.

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As you may know, PECO Energy and Unicom are merging. The new company will be called Exelon. The NRC recently approved the transfer of the PBAPS operating licenses to Exelon Generation Company.

Please let Bill Maher know whether you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft certification by December 1, 2000. You can reach Bill Maher by telephone at (610) 765-5939 or by electronic mail at wmaher@peco-energy.com.

Respectfully,



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Enclosure: *Draft Federal Consistency Certification for Federal
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