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PROPOSED RULE PR 72 (64FR1542)

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Mr. John C. Hoyle Secretary of the Commission U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Comments Concerning Proposed Rule 10CFR72, "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Addition" (64FR1542, dated January 11, 1999)

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

This letter is being submitted in response to the NRC's request for comments concerning Proposed Rule 10CFR72, "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Addition," which was published in the Federal Register (i.e., 64FR1542, dated January 11, 1999). The NRC is proposing to amend its regulations to add the Holtec International Hi-Star 100 cask system (*Hi-Star*) to the List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks. The proposed changes to the regulations will allow the holders of power reactor operating licenses to store spent fuel in the *Hi-Star* cask system under a general license.

PECO Energy appreciates the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule. We endorse this rulemaking effort and fully support promulgation as a final rule.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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