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## *PPL Fined \$500,000 for Violation at Nuclear Plant*

(Harrisburg, Pa) - In a Response to Eric Epstein's Motion filed on August 31, 2007 requesting that the Susquehanna River Basin Commission ("SRBC") postpone action on an application from PPL Susquehanna regarding increased water use (1) at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station ("SSES"), the SRBC's Executive Director, Paul O. Swartz announced the Commission's intent to fine **PPL Susquehanna \$500,000 for water use violations.**

"The project sponsor has offered a settlement by agreement pursuant to Commission Regulation §808.18, in the amount of \$500,000, for its alleged noncompliance with Commission regulations, and is hereby accepted..."

Mr. Epstein has claimed (Testimony enclosed) that PPL did not apply or receive necessary approvals from the SRBC relating to an 1.4% uprate (increase in capacity) in 2001, yet the Company is currently applying to extend the license of the nuclear plant for **an additional 20 years**, and expand the nuclear plant's capacity by **13%**. (PPL and SRBC's proposed agreement enclosed)

Mr. Epstein has argued before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") and the SRBC that PPL's applications for relicensing and an increase in capacity, as well as the Company's application to withdraw more water from the Susquehanna River at the SSES, should be delayed until PPL has addressed water use, water safety, and interagency issues while operating the plant out of compliance with federal regulations.

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**1** Eric Joseph Epstein Petition Opposition to PPL Susquehanna's, LLC Application for Surface Water Withdrawal Request to Modify Application 19950301-EPU-0572 with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, August 1, 2007.

**2** PPL Susquehanna LLC Proposed Amendment Requests for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station's 1 & 2 Would Increase Thermal Power to 3,952 Mega-Watts Which Is 20% Above the Original Rated Thermal Power (RTP) 3,293 MWt, And Approximately 13% Above the Current RTP of 3,489 MWt, Docket Nos. 50-387 PLA-6110 and 50-388, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.