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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
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Washington Public Power)	Docket No. 50-460-OL
Supply System)	
)	ASLBP No. 82-479-06-OL
(Nuclear Project No. 1))	

WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM
REQUEST TO DEFER LICENSING BOARD RULING

On January 4, 2000, the Washington Public Power Supply System ("Supply System") filed a Motion For Withdrawal Of Application ("Motion") requesting that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Licensing Board") issue an order, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.107(a), authorizing the withdrawal of the Operating License application at issue and terminating this proceeding. By Order of February 16, 2000, the Licensing Board extended the schedule for responses to the Motion to March 4, 2000, and the matter remains pending before the Licensing Board.

The Supply System now respectfully requests that the Licensing Board defer, and hold in abeyance, a decision on the Motion. Due to recent developments and budgetary considerations, the Supply System is now reconsidering potential alternatives for the WNP-1 site. Therefore, the Supply System would retain this proceeding in the present deferred status, at least until plans for the site are better clarified.

In accordance with the October 14, 1983 Memorandum and Order in this proceeding, the Supply System has been required to file quarterly status reports regarding the deferred WNP-1 project. The Supply System can now state that for the next quarter

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of 2000 (April through June) there will be no change to the current status of the WNP-1 project. The next status report would be due in July 2000. The Supply System proposes at that time to apprise the Licensing Board as to the status of this proceeding and whether it is prepared to withdraw the pending Motion or to request a Licensing Board decision on that Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM REQUEST TO DEFER LICENSING BOARD RULING" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served upon the following persons by deposit in the United States mail, first class, this 29th day of February, 2000. In addition, for those parties marked by an asterisk (*), an electronic copy has been served by e-mail.

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