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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Thomas S. Moore, Presiding Officer Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Special Assistant

In the Matter of

MICHEL A. PHILIPPON

(Denial of Senior Operator License Application) Docket No. 55-32443-SP

ASLBP No. 99-755-01-SP

June 22, 2000

<u>ORDER</u>

(Approving Settlement Agreement and Terminating Proceeding)

On June 21, 2000, the NRC Staff and Michel A. Philippon filed a joint motion for approval of a settlement agreement in their Subpart L proceeding. The proceeding is currently before the Presiding Officer after remand by the Commission. <u>See</u> CLI-00-03, 51 NRC 82 (2000). Pursuant to 10 CFR §2.1241, the Presiding Officer must approve any settlement.

Upon consideration of the joint motion and the proffered settlement agreement, the Presiding Officer finds that the settlement is fair and reasonable and comports with the public interest. Accordingly, the settlement agreement is approved and its terms incorporated by reference into this order. Further, the instant proceeding challenging the denial of Mr.

Philippon's senior reactor operator license application is dismissed with prejudice and hereby terminated.

It is so ORDERED.

By the Presiding Officer

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Thomas S. Moore ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland June 22, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB ORDER (LBP-00-17) APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND TERMINATING PROCEEDING have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of June 2000