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Re: NDFC 2000-1

Dear Chairman Patch:

Here are North Atlantic's Responses to Data Requests, together with facsimiles of the Affidavits of Hart, Jacobson, and Mercer. We will file the originals of the Affidavits tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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DR SAPL 1-1 (Reference- Technical Session of 9/11/00)

Data Request:

For future annual and comprehensive decommissioning updates, include an update on funding assurance matters such as changes in ownership status, decommissioning cost recovery mechanisms, pre-funding, or other related matters.

Response:

North Atlantic will provide such an update in annual and comprehensive reports beginning with the annual report to be filed on or before March 31, 2001.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
Set #1 (9/11/00 & 9/18/00) NDFC Docket 2000-1**

DR SAPL 1-2 (Reference- Technical Session of 9/11/2000)

Data Request:

Provide a list of descriptions for terminology (acronyms, abbreviations, etc.) in the excerpts from SECY 00-0094 provided in North Atlantic's pre-filed testimony.

Response:

The requested listing follows.

| <i>Term</i> | <i>Translation</i> | <i>Comment</i> |
|-------------|---|---|
| AES | AES Corporation | |
| ASLB | Atomic Safety and Licensing Board | NRC |
| B&W | Babcock & Wilcox Corporation | |
| BWR | Boiling Water Reactor | e.g., Big Rock Point, Dresden, Humbolt Bay, others |
| CE | Combustion Engineering Corporation | |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations | e.g., 10 CFR 50 (title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50) |
| ConEd | Consolidated Edison | |
| CP | Construction Permit | |
| CY | Connecticut Yankee | |
| DECON | NRC recognized option for decommissioning | DECON: The equipment, structures, and portions of the facility and site that contain radioactive contaminants are removed or decontaminated to a level that permits termination of the license shortly after cessation of operations. |
| DOC | Decommissioning Operations Contractor | |
| DOE | Department of Energy | |
| DOT | Department of Transportation | |
| DP | Decommissioning Plan | |
| DWM | Division of Waste Management | NRC |
| EDG | Emergency Diesel Generator | |
| GE | General Electric Company | Supplier for BWR reactor systems |
| GPU | General Public Utilities | |
| GTCC | Greater Than Class C | A classification for certain radioactive waste material |

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| <i>Term</i> | <i>Translation</i> | <i>Comment</i> |
|-------------|---|--|
| GTS | GTS Duratek Corporation | |
| HISTAR | Trade name for spent fuel storage cask | Holtec Corporation |
| HISTORM | Spent fuel storage system trade name | Holtec Corporation |
| INEL | Idaho National Engineering Laboratory | |
| IP1 | Indian Point nuclear plant-Unit #1 | |
| IP2 | Indian Point nuclear plant-Unit #2 | |
| ISFSI | Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation | |
| LLW | Low Level Waste | |
| LTP | License Termination Plan | |
| MRS | Monitored Retrievable Storage | |
| MWt | Megawatt (thermal) | Measure of reactor power output |
| NAC | NAC International Corporation | Supplier of spent fuel storage systems |
| NMSS | Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards | NRC Office of NMSS |
| NRC | Nuclear Regulatory Commission | |
| NRR | Nuclear Reactor Regulation | NRC Office of NRR |
| NU | Northeast Utilities | |
| NUHOMS | NU-Tech Horizontal Modular System | Trade name of Transnuclear West Corporation |
| OL | Operating License | |
| PDTS | Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications | |
| PG&E | Pacific Gas & Electric Company | |
| PSDAR | Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report | |
| PWR | Pressurized Water Reactor | e.g., Connecticut Yankee, Maine Yankee, others |
| RCP | Reactor Coolant Pumps | |

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| <i>Term</i> | <i>Translation</i> | <i>Comment</i> |
|-------------|---|--|
| SAFSTOR | Approved decommissioning method | SAFSTOR: The facility is placed in a safe stable condition and maintained in that state until it is subsequently decontaminated and dismantled to levels that permit license termination. During SAFSTOR, a facility is left intact, but the fuel has been removed from the reactor vessel, and radioactive liquids have been drained from systems and components and then processed. Radioactive decay occurs during the SAFSTOR period, thus reducing the quantity of contaminated and radioactive material that must be disposed of during decontamination and dismantlement. |
| SER | Safety Evaluation Report | NRC reports |
| SFP | Spent Fuel Pool | |
| SNC | Sierra Nuclear Corporation | |
| SWEC | Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation | |
| TMI | Three Mile Island nuclear station | TMI-1 is unit #1, TMI-2 is unit #2 |
| UMS | Universal Multi-purpose Canister System | Trade name of NAC International |
| VECTRA | Vectra Technologies | Vendor for spent fuel storage systems (now Transnuclear West) |
| ZNPS | Zion Nuclear Power Station | |

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DR PUC Staff 1-1 (Reference-Technical Session of 9/11/2000)

Data Request:

For future comprehensive decommissioning updates, provide a position on the assumed Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) volume reduction by recycle methods versus actual experience at plants being decommissioned.

Response:

The availability of data on actual volume reductions achieved for specific plants is unclear. Where practicable and to the extent that the requested information on actual recycle experience is available in the public domain or through industry contacts, North Atlantic will include this information in its comprehensive decommissioning updates beginning with the next update to be submitted on or before March 31, 2002.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
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DR PUC Staff 1-2 (Reference-Technical Session of 9/11/00 and 9/14/00 telephone discussion between North Atlantic (Hart) and PUC Staff (Guyette))

Data Request:

How does the restructuring of the electric utility industry in each of the Seabrook Station owners' states affect the manner in which the owners fund their decommissioning obligations?

Response:

| Owner | Response |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| BayCorp-Great Bay & Little Bay | No impact. As merchant plant, decommissioning cost paid out of revenues from sales. Little Bay's current obligations have been pre-funded. |
| Hudson | No impact on Hudson's ability to collect decommissioning funds through rates as municipal utilities are unaffected by the deregulation statute in Massachusetts. |
| Mass. Municipal Wholesale Elec. Co. | The restructuring of the electric utility industry in Massachusetts does not affect the manner in which MMWEC funds its decommissioning obligations. |
| New England Power | (later) |
| NH Electric Coop. | No impact. Restructuring in New Hampshire has not changed the statutory decommissioning funding requirements set forth in RSA 162-F. |
| NSTAR (Canal) | No impact. Canal's ability to fund its decommissioning obligation is unaffected by restructuring in Massachusetts. Canal's contract for the recovery of Seabrook power costs and associated decommissioning obligations from its affiliates, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, is FERC regulated and not affected by state action. In Massachusetts, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy has permitted Canal's affiliates to collect Seabrook Station decommissioning obligations through a non-bypassable Customer Transition Charge as a part of its electric utility industry restructuring plan. |
| NU CL&P And United Illuminating | Connecticut restructuring law provides for continued collection of decommissioning costs. Decommissioning fund contributions, as well as post-retirement safe-shutdown and site-protection costs incurred in preparation for decommissioning, are provided for in Sections 16-245l(9) and 16-245l(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with these statutes, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control ("DPUC") has established collections of these amounts by UI in Docket No. 97-01-15RE01, "DPUC Review of Electric Companies' Cost of Service and Unbundled Tariffs—Unbundled Bills and SBC." |
| NU NAEC | Impacts per PSNH Settlement Agreement and PUC Docket DE 99-099. |
| Taunton Electric | No impact. The Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant is not affected by the deregulation legislation in Massachusetts by specific exemption. Taunton does not, at this time, expect any effect on its decommissioning obligations. |

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DR PUC Staff 1-3 (Reference-Technical Session of 9/11/00)

Data Request:

Is the decommissioning cost estimate for any of the Millstone units less than the NRC minimum value, and, if so, has Dominion Resources assumed responsibility for the NRC minimum value?

Response:

The current site-specific cost estimates for all three Millstone units exceed the NRC minimum value. The existing decommissioning trust funds will be transferred to Dominion Resources at the closing of the plant sale. Dominion Resources will assume responsibility for compliance to the NRC minimum requirements after the closing on the plant sales and the transfer of the NRC licenses to Dominion Resources.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
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DR PUC Staff 1-4 (Reference-Technical Session of 9/11/00)

Data Request:

What portion of the total cost estimates in North Atlantic's March 2000 update result from dry storage of spent fuel?

Response:

Table 8 on page 55 of North Atlantic's March 2000 decommissioning update provides this information for both the 2015 and 2026 shutdown scenarios. For the 2026 shutdown scenario, the total cost estimate of \$561.3 million in year 2000 dollars includes \$76.4 million for spent fuel storage and removal. For the 2015 shutdown scenario, the total cost estimate of \$585.9 million in year 2000 dollars includes \$90.3 million for spent fuel storage and removal.

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Set #1 (9/11/00 & 9/18/00) NDFC Docket 2000-1**

DR PUC Staff 1-5 (Reference- Technical Session of 9/11/00 and item #4 of PUC Staff data requests of 9/18/00)

Data Request:

In NDFC 98-1 Exhibit #39, Data Request #16, adverse tax consequences are shown for years 2000 and 2001 even though funding for 25 years escalated is less than 36 years levelized for these years. Do the contribution projections on page 125 of *Seabrook Station, Decommissioning Update, March 2000, Volume 2: Funding Schedules Attachments D1, D2, & D3* include projected adverse tax consequences? If not, will collections for the years 2000, 2001, and 2002 be higher than those shown on page 125 to account for adverse tax consequences? If collections will not be higher please explain why not, in light of the testimony provided in NDFC 98-1.

Response:

In discussions with PUC Staff (Guyette) on September 21, 2000, PUC Staff confirmed that this data request intended to reference Exhibit #35, Data Request #16 (NDFC 98-1, Transcript Day 4, Page 8). Specifically, the data request refers to North Atlantic's "Exhibit A: Theoretical 17.5% Taxable Owner", a spreadsheet presenting the impact on decommissioning contributions for a theoretical owner using accelerated funding. This spreadsheet is discussed at length in the transcript of Day 4 of the NDFC 98-1 hearings.

For the scenario shown on page 125 in which decommissioning begins in 2026 and escalated funding is completed by 2015, the escalated funding begins to exceed the levelized 36-year funding beginning in 2002. As discussed in detail in the NDFC 98-1 hearings, taxable owners would incur some additional tax liability as a result. North Atlantic has not attempted to calculate the effects of the additional taxes. Thus, the annual funding contributions presented on page 125 of North Atlantic's March 2000 decommissioning update do not include the effects of any negative tax consequences that might arise from accelerated funding. To the extent that there are negative tax consequences for taxable owners in any given year, total cash requirements for decommissioning funding plus the added tax requirements will exceed the values on page 125 of North Atlantic's March 2000 update. The extent to which this additional funding will result in increased collections from customers will depend upon the specific tax circumstances of particular owners and the collection provisions approved in each owner's respective jurisdiction. North Atlantic has no available information on the extent to which collections may be higher as a result of any negative tax consequences of accelerated funding.

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Set #1 (9/11/00 & 9/18/00) NDFC Docket 2000-1**

DR PUC Staff 1-6 (Reference- Item #1 of PUC Staff data requests of 9/18/00)

Data Request:

Are all Joint Owners current in their contributions to date?

Response:

Yes. In addition, contributions for Little Bay Power Corporation have been pre-funded.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
Set #1 (9/11/00 & 9/18/00) NDFC Docket 2000-1**

DR PUC Staff 1-7 (Reference- Item #2 of PUC Staff data requests of 9/18/00)

Data Request:

In footnote 7 on page 8 of the brief submitted by North Atlantic Energy Services Corp., dated January 7, 1999, it states that the majority of Joint Owners could support legislation that would provide for a 25-year anticipated energy producing life if certain conditions were met, but the majority of the Joint Owners were not willing to make such a concession in proceeding NDFC 98-1 because the NDFC did not have the power to address the conditions that were vital to the Joint Owners. What has changed since that time that the Joint Owners are now supporting a funding schedule to 2015 years assuming decommissioning in 2026?

Response:

The referenced footnote applies to conditions under which the Joint Owners might support a reduction in the anticipated energy producing life of the plant from 36 years to 25 years. North Atlantic's funding recommendation in Docket 2000-1 does not involve a reduction in anticipated energy producing life. North Atlantic's recommendation is to complete decommissioning funding contributions by 2015 assuming an anticipated energy producing life ending in 2026, not 2015. North Atlantic has recommended accelerated funding, not a reduction in anticipated energy producing life. Therefore the discussion in the footnote does not apply to the current recommendation.

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DR PUC Staff 1-8 (Reference- Item #3 of PUC Staff data requests of 9/18/00)

Data Request:

Please explain why the adverse tax impact of accelerated funding is not applicable to the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative.

Response:

The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative has a tax-exempt status relative to the provisions of the IRS Tax Code impacting accelerated funding for taxable owners. This question also arose in Docket 98-1 and North Atlantic provided a letter from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to document their position that accelerated funding would not affect the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's tax exempt status. Refer to Exhibit 33, page 8 of the transcript for NDFC 98-1 hearings on October 30, 1998. On September 20, 2000 the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative advised North Atlantic that their tax status remains unchanged.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
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DR NEP 1-1 (Reference-New England Power Corporation's first set of data requests to North Atlantic- 9/18/00)

Data Request:

Please provide any and all documents, computations and assumptions underlying the analysis of the tax consequences associated with NAESCO's proposed decommissioning funding schedule.

Response:

North Atlantic has not completed any analyses of the tax consequences associated with the proposed decommissioning funding schedule.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
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DR NEP 1-2 (Reference-New England Power Corporation's first set of data requests to North Atlantic- 9/18/00)

Data Request:

Please describe the treatment and recovery of decommissioning funding in the divestitures of nuclear generating stations listed on page 8, line 14 of NAESCO's prefiled testimony.

Response:

There have been reports in the public domain describing some limited aspects of decommissioning funding matters related to these divestitures. One such source, a June 2000 article in Nuclear News, reported that decommissioning funds would be transferred to the buyer for Pilgrim, TMI-1, Clinton, Nine Mile Point-1, Nine Mile Point-2, Oyster Creek, and Vermont Yankee. This same source reported that sellers will provide trust fund "top-offs" for the funds for these same plants. According to this source, there will be no fund transfer or "top-off" for Fitzpatrick or Indian Point-3. North Atlantic does not have any definitive information to confirm these public domain reports. Decommissioning funds for Millstone-2 and Millstone-3 will be transferred to Dominion Resources. North Atlantic has no further information on the treatment and recovery of decommissioning funding associated with the divestitures of nuclear generating stations listed on page 8, line 14 of North Atlantic's pre-filed testimony.

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DR NEP 1-3 (Reference-New England Power Corporation's first set of data requests to North Atlantic- 9/18/00)

Data Request:

Please provide copies of all state or federal regulatory commission or agency orders describing and approving the treatment and recovery of decommissioning funding in the divestitures listed on page 8, line 14 of NAESCO's prefiled testimony.

Response:

North Atlantic has no information on state or federal regulatory commission or agency orders describing and approving the treatment and recovery of decommissioning funding in the divestitures listed on page 8, line 14 of North Atlantic's pre-filed testimony.

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DR NEP 1-4 (Reference-New England Power Corporation's first set of data requests to North Atlantic- 9/18/00)

Data Request:

Please provide all documents, computations or analysis either created by or in the possession of NAESCO regarding the possible prefunding either in whole or in part of NAEC's or any other Joint Owner's Seabrook decommissioning funding liability including any analysis as to whether such proposed prefunding is allowed under current law.

Response:

As indicated in North Atlantic's March 2000 decommissioning update and in North Atlantic's pre-filed testimony, Little Bay Power Corporation's decommissioning funding obligations have been pre-funded. North Atlantic has no information on possible pre-funding for any other owner's decommissioning funding obligations. North Atlantic is not aware of any provisions of state or federal law that would preclude pre-funding of decommissioning funding obligations.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
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DR NEP 1-5 (Reference-New England Power Corporation's first set of data requests to North Atlantic- 9/18/00)

Data request:

Please provide all documents either created by or in the possession of NAESCO regarding the effect that the PSNH Conformed Settlement Agreement will have on PSNH's decommissioning expenses as part of the Seabrook Contract and the recovery of those expenses from PSNH's customers.

Response:

North Atlantic is not aware of any documents or analyses other than the conformed settlement agreement itself and the PUC orders in Docket 99-099 addressing the PSNH proposed restructuring settlement.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
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DR NEP 1-6 (Reference-New England Power Corporation's first set of data requests to North Atlantic- 9/18/00)

Data request:

Please describe and compare any stranded cost recovery consequences to PSNH pursuant to the PSNH Conformed Settlement Agreement associated with the following scenarios:

- A. The current decommissioning funding schedule with decommissioning anticipated in 2015;
- B. NAESCO's recommended funding schedule with decommissioning payments occurring through 2015 and decommissioning anticipated to begin in 2026;
- C. Prefunding of the NDFC determined decommissioning funding amount at the time of NAEC's Seabrook divestiture with recovery from PSNH's customers through 2015; and,
- D. Prefunding of the NDFC determined decommissioning amount at the time of NAEC's Seabrook divestiture with recovery from PSNH's customers through 2026.

Response:

North Atlantic Energy Corporation's share of the currently approved \$513 million (in 1998 dollars) decommissioning cost estimate was incorporated in the financial model supporting the PSNH settlement agreement. NH PUC order 23,443 of April 19, 2000 in Docket DE 99-0099 (page 44) states that PSNH customers will not have any responsibility for increases in decommissioning funding above the amount calculated based upon the funding schedule as of the date of the sale. North Atlantic has no additional information regarding items B., C., or D. of the data request.

**North Atlantic (NAESCO) Responses to Data Requests
Set #1 (9/11/00 & 9/18/00) NDFC Docket 2000-1**

DR NEP 1-7 (Reference-New England Power Corporation's first set of data requests to North Atlantic- 9/18/00)

Data request:

Please describe and compare the rate impacts to PSNH's customers associated with the following scenarios assuming that the PSNH Conformed Settlement Agreement is in effect:

- A. The current decommissioning funding schedule with decommissioning anticipated to begin in 2015;
- B. NAESCO's recommended funding schedule with decommissioning funding payments through 2015 and decommissioning anticipated to begin in 2026;
- C. Prefunding of the NDFC determined decommissioning funding amount at the time of NAEC's Seabrook divestiture with recovery from PSNH's customers through 2015; and,
- D. Prefunding of the NDFC determined decommissioning funding amount at the time of NAEC's Seabrook divestiture with recovery from PSNH's customers through 2026.

Response:

North Atlantic Energy Corporation's share of the currently approved \$513 million (in 1998 dollars) cost estimate for decommissioning has been used in the financial model supporting the settlement agreement. The NDFC approved decommissioning costs will be recovered as part of Part 2 of the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge. NH PUC order 23,443 of April 19, 2000 in Docket DE 99-0099 (page 44) states that PSNH customers will not have any responsibility for increases in decommissioning funding above the amount calculated based upon the funding schedule as of the date of the sale. North Atlantic has no additional information on items B., C., or D. of the data request.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Brad A. Jacobson, affirm under oath that, on behalf of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation, I have answered the following Data Requests and that my answers thereto are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- From PUC Staff (Guyette): DR PUC Staff 1-5, 1-6
- From NEP: DR NEP 1-1

9/25/00
Date

Brad A. Jacobson
Brad A. Jacobson

Rockingham, ss

Date: 9/25/00

Then personally appeared before me, the above-named Brad A. Jacobson, being duly sworn, did state that he is Financial and Accounting Services Manager of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation and that he is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing information in the name of and on the behalf of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation and that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

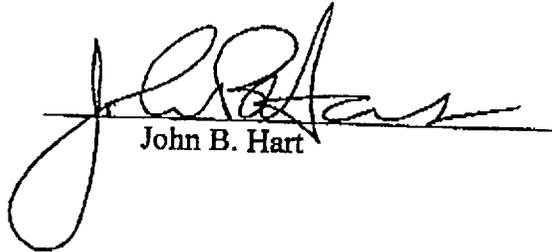
Judith L. St. Laurent
Judith L. St. Laurent, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: September 4, 2002

AFFIDAVIT

I, John B. Hart, affirm under oath that, on behalf of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation, I have answered the following Data Requests and that my answers thereto are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- From PUC Staff (Guyette): DR PUC Staff 1-7
- From NEP: DR NEP 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7

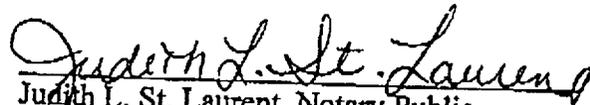
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Date


John B. Hart

Rockingham, ss

Date: 9/25/00

Then personally appeared before me, the above-named John B. Hart, being duly sworn, did state that he is Manager-Environmental Services, Government and Owner Relations of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation and that he is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing information in the name of and on the behalf of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation and that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.


Judith L. St. Laurent, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: September 4, 2002

AFFIDAVIT

I, David C. Mercer, affirm under oath that, on behalf of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation, I have answered the following Data Requests and that my answers thereto are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- From SAPL (Metcalf): DR SAPL 1-1, 1-2
- From PUC Staff (Kokoszka): DR PUC Staff 1-1, 1-4
- From PUC Staff (Guyette): DR PUC Staff 1-2, 1-3, 1-8
- From NEP: DR NEP 1-2, DR NEP 1-3,

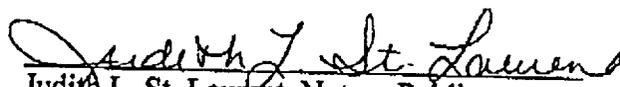
9/25/00
Date


David C. Mercer

Rockingham, ss

Date: 9/25/00

Then personally appeared before me, the above-named David C. Mercer, being duly sworn, did state that he is Supervisor-Industry Relations of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation and that he is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing information in the name of and on the behalf of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation and that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.


Judith L. St. Laurent, Notary Public
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