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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: State of Maine's Unopposed Motion

Dear Mr. Crockett:

Enclosed please find the State of Maine's Unopposed Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance that was filed today.

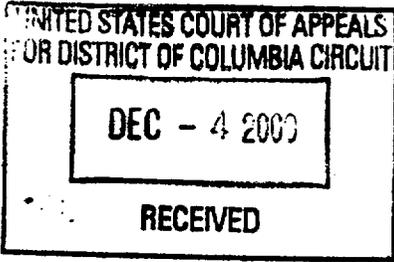
Sincerely,



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Enclosure



IN THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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) Petitioner.)
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) v.) No. 00-1476
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) Nuclear Regulatory Commission and)
) United States of America,)
) Respondents.)
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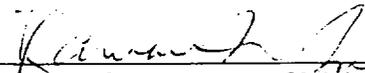
**STATE OF MAINE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION
TO HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE**

The State of Maine (the "State") moves that the Court hold this case in abeyance pending resolution of ongoing, productive settlement negotiations between the State and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC"). As the State represented in its previous Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, which this Court granted on November 27, 2000, the State and the NRC have been negotiating a framework for resolving the issues raised by the State's underlying petition and motion for stay. Most recently, the parties met on December 1, 2000, and made substantial progress. Again, however, because the parties are awaiting requisite approvals from key personnel, a final agreement will not be reached by noon on December 4, 2000, the date set for the State's reply to the NRC's Opposition to the Motion for an Emergency Stay. The NRC and the United States do not oppose the State's request to hold the case in abeyance pending settlement negotiations. Counsel for proposed intervenors Maine Yankee and NAC International have also advised counsel for the State that they do not oppose the State's request.

For these reasons, the State respectfully requests that the case be held in abeyance so that the parties can continue their diligent efforts to reach an amicable resolution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

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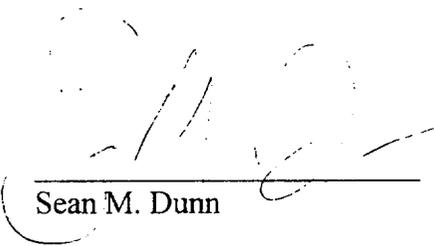
I hereby certify that on this 4th day of December 2000, copies of the foregoing State of Maine's Unopposed Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance were served by hand delivery upon the following:

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