

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

In the Matter of)
) Docket No. 50-440-CIVP
FIRSTENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY)
) ASLBP No. 01-784-01-CivP
)
(Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1; Operating License No. NPF-58)) EA 99-012
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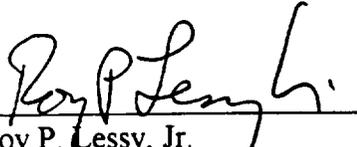
JOINT STATUS REPORT

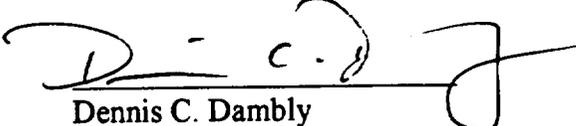
This joint status report is in response to this Board's Memorandum and Order, dated November 7, 2000, granting the joint motion of the Licensee and the NRC Staff to suspend further proceedings for 45 days to afford said parties an opportunity to pursue settlement negotiations. That Order, *inter alia*, requested that the parties "[b]y December 1, 2000, ... file a report as to the progress of negotiations." (Memorandum and Order, p. 2).

Since that time, the undersigned counsel have engaged in informal settlement discussions of this proceeding. Settlement discussions involving, in addition, the principals of both of the undersigned are being scheduled for the week of December 18, 2000, during which time the Regional Administrator (Region III) will be at NRC Headquarters. Accordingly, in light of both the holiday season and other pending (and related) matters involving these parties, the undersigned jointly request that the suspension of proceedings be extended an additional month to January 19, 2001 with a

second status report to be filed by January 9, 2001. (The documents requested by this Board, assuming settlement has not been reached, to similarly be deferred until the conclusion of the suspension period.)

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of November, 2000, copies of the foregoing "Joint Status Report" have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class or by NRC internal distribution.

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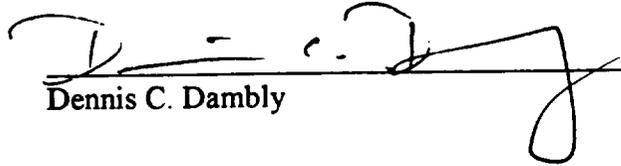
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