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Docket No. 50-443

Mr. Robert J. Harrison
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Public Service Company of New Hampshire
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Dear Mr. Harrison:

SUBJECT: ORDER EXTENDING THE LATEST CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE
FOR SEABROOK STATION, UNIT 1

Your letter, dated May 7, 1986, requested an extension of the latest construction completion date of Seabrook Station, Unit 1 as specified in the May 1, 1984 Order (which had extended the construction completion date specified in Construction Permit CPPR-135). Your May 7, 1986, letter requested an extension for a period of 1 year from June 30, 1986, to June 30, 1987.

A copy of the Order granting the extension and the NRC staff's evaluation of the request are enclosed. The original of the Order has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the latest construction completion date for CPPR-135, Unit 1 of the Seabrook Station be extended from June 30, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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George Lear, Acting Director
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the latest construction completion date for CPPR-135, Unit 1 of the Seabrook Station be extended from June 30, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ~~that the latest construction completion date for~~
CPPR-135, Unit 1 of the Seabrook Station be extended form June 30, 1986 to
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Conclusion

Applicants' request for an extension is merely for the time to obtain the necessary NRC approval and to not seek authorization for activities not previously authorized. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, or create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Accordingly, the NRC staff has concluded that the action does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

Noting that several of the matters causing delay for loading fuel is beyond the applicants' control, the NRC staff further concludes that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(b), the applicants have shown good cause for the delay and that the requested extension is for a reasonable period of time.

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Conclusion

Applicants' request for an extension is merely for more time to complete construction already authorized by Construction Permit No. CPPR-135 and to obtain state and local offsite emergency plans, not seek authorization for activities not previously authorized. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, or create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Accordingly, the NRC staff has concluded that the action does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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Conclusion

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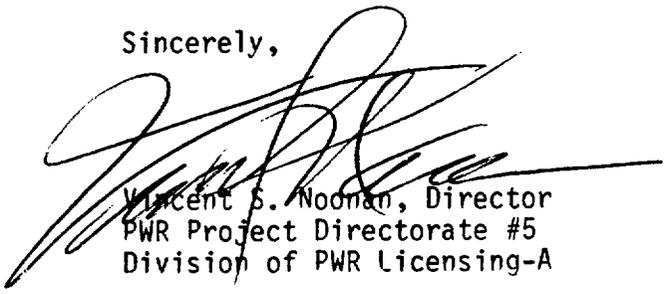
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Sincerely,



Vincent S. Noonan, Director
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U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, ET AL*

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SEABROOK STATION, UNIT 1

ORDER EXTENDING THE LATEST CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

On July 7, 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued Construction Permits CPPR-135 and CPPR-136 to the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, et al. for the Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2. The facility is located in the Town of Seabrook, Rockingham County, New Hampshire.

When issued, CPPR-135 for the Seabrook Station, Unit 1, listed the latest construction completion date as June 30, 1983. By Order, dated May 1, 1984, the latest construction completion date for CPPR-135 was extended to June 30, 1986.

By letter, dated May 7, 1986, Public Service Company of New Hampshire requested an extension of the latest construction completion date for Seabrook Station, Unit 1 from June 30, 1986 to June 30, 1987. The applicant stated that construction of Seabrook Station, Unit 1 is essentially complete. However, necessary approvals for fuel loading and low power operation have not been issued. Certification of readiness for fuel load has been delayed.

* The current construction permit holders for Seabrook Station are: Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Canal Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, Connecticut Light & Power Company, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company, Hudson Light & Power Department, Maine Public Service Company, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, Montaup Electric Company, New England Power Company, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant, United Illuminating Company, and Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc.

Delays in the formulation of offsite emergency plans by various state and local governmental entities assured that necessary NRC approval for full power operation would not be forthcoming by June 30, 1986, the estimated fuel load date in applicants' May 7, 1986, letter.

The fuel load schedule of July 20, 1986, was updated by Public Service Company of New Hampshire letter dated July 3, 1986. By Memorandum and Order dated July 25, 1986, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board reopened the hearing to be held in a four-day session sometime between September 29 and October 10, 1986. Upon completion of the hearing a decision on licensing the Seabrook Station, Unit 1 is imminent.

The requested revised completion date extends beyond the date by which Public Service Company of New Hampshire expects to load fuel at Seabrook Station, Unit 1. The applicants have requested an extension from June 30, 1986 to June 30, 1987, to address the condition.

As discussed more fully in the staff's related Safety Evaluation, dated, August 19, 1986, we have concluded that good cause has been shown for delay, and that the requested extension involves no significant hazards consideration, and therefore no prior public notice is required.

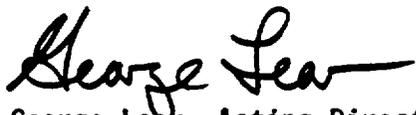
The NRC staff has prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact which was published in the Federal Register on June 19, 1986 (51 FR 22366).

The NRC staff has concluded that this action will not have significant impact on the quality of the human environment and therefore no environmental impact statement need be prepared.

The applicants' letters dated May 7, 1986 and July 3, 1986, and the NRC staff's letter and evaluation, dated August 19, 1986, issued in support of this Order are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and at the Exeter Public Library, Front Street, New Hampshire 03833.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the latest construction completion date for CPPR-135, Unit 1 of the Seabrook Station be extended from June 30, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Lear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

George Lear, Acting Director
Division of PWR Licensing-A

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EVALUATION OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

SEABROOK STATION, UNIT 1

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Introduction

By letter, dated May 7, 1986, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, et al.* (applicants) requested that the latest construction completion date for Seabrook Station, Unit 1 as extended in an Order, dated May 1, 1984, be further extended from June 30, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

Evaluation

On July 7, 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued to the Public Service Company of New Hampshire Construction Permits for Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2, CPPR-135 and CPPR-136, respectively. The site is located in the Town of Seabrook, Rockingham County, New Hampshire. By letter dated May 26, 1983, Public Service Company of New Hampshire filed a request for an extension of the latest construction completion date for Seabrook Station,

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Unit 1 from June 30, 1983 to June 30, 1986. That request was approved and on May 1, 1984, an Order extending the latest construction completion date for Unit 1 to June 30, 1986, was issued.

By letter dated May 7, 1986, Public Service Company of New Hampshire requested an extension of the latest construction completion date for Seabrook Station, Unit 1, from June 30, 1986, to June 30, 1987.

In their May 7, 1986, letter, the applicant noted that construction of Unit 1 is essentially complete and that they expected to be physically ready to load fuel on June 30, 1986. However, the applicant also noted an uncertainty with regard to the necessary regulatory approvals for fuel loading and low power operation by June 30, 1986. The necessary regulatory approvals are dependent on a decision favorable to the applicant on certain safety issues by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB). The schedule for the ASLB decision is beyond the control of the applicant.

In their May 7, 1986, letter the applicant further noted that delays in the formulation of offsite emergency plans by various state and local governmental entities assure that NRC approval for full power operation will not be given by June 30, 1986.

Reasonableness of Period of Time Requested

The applicants requested that the construction permit completion date be extended to June 30, 1987. In support of this they state the uncertainty in

when the necessary NRC regulatory approvals (which is related to the ASLB and various state and local governments actions) will be forthcoming. NRC regulatory approvals could be as late as the spring of 1987; therefore, the staff agrees that the period of time requested by the applicant is reasonable.

Conclusion

The applicant's request for an extension is merely for the time to obtain the necessary NRC approval and is not to seek authorization for activities not previously authorized. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, or create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Accordingly, the NRC staff has concluded that the action does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

Noting that several of the matters causing delay for loading fuel is beyond the applicants' control, the NRC staff further concludes that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(b), the applicants have shown good cause for the delay and that the requested extension is for a reasonable period of time.

Date: **AUG 19 1986**

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