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For the Atomic Safety and
Licensing Board

Charles Bechhofer, Chairman
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
)
DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.)
)
(Millstone Nuclear Power Station,)
Unit No. 3)

Docket No. 50423-LA-3

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NRC STAFF'S MOTION REQUESTING THE LICENSING BOARD TO ACCEPT DR. RONALD
R. BELLAMY'S AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CHANGES IN THE STAFF'S SCHEDULE

BACKGROUND

On September 4, 2001 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's staff (Staff) filed a motion to hold this proceeding in abeyance. Along with the motion, Dr. Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, furnished an affidavit in which he stated that the Staff would make available a report detailing the Staff's inspection of the Fuel Rod Accountability Project report by the end of November.

DISCUSSION

In the affidavit filed today, Dr. Bellamy states that the staff's inspection report will not be available until the end of January 2002.¹ As Dr. Bellamy explains, the delayed delivery of the Root Cause Analysis Report (RCA), along with the need for an additional inspection effort, have caused the Staff to push back its schedule. The staff, however, is not asking for a deferral of the discovery schedule and acknowledges that, pursuant to the Board's November 5, 2001 Order, discovery against the staff begins December 4, 2001.

¹Attached hereto is an unsigned copy of the affidavit. A signed and notarized copy of the affidavit will be forwarded to the Board and the parties upon receipt.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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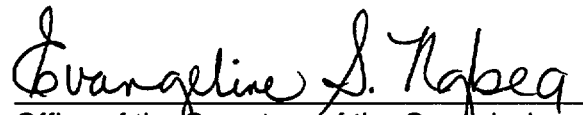
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