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In the Matters of )  
North Atlantic Energy Service Corp. )  
(Seabrook Station, Unit 1) )  
and )  
Northeast Nuclear Energy Co. )  
(Millstone Station, Unit 3) )

OFFICE OF )  
REGISTRATION )  
AND )  
DOCKETING )  
Docket Nos. 50-443-LT-2 )  
and 50-423-LT (consolidated)

JOINT MOTION TO HOLD PROCEEDINGS IN ABEYANCE

By Memorandum and Order dated October 21, 1999, the Commission set the above captioned matters for hearing in accordance with Subpart M of the Rules of Practice in 10 C.F.R. Part 2 and established a procedural schedule. The Commission also directed the parties to convene discussions aimed at reaching an amicable resolution of the issues without a hearing.

Following issuance of the Commission's Order, representatives of the parties -- New England Power Company (NEP), The Connecticut Light and Power Company, North Atlantic Energy Corporation and Western Massachusetts Electric Company -- entered into discussions and have now reached an amicable resolution of all issues admitted for hearing. The parties orally informed members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff and the Commissioners' staffs regarding the resolution of the issues on the afternoon of October 29, 1999. Accordingly, the parties are submitting concurrently herewith a NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITIONS FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE AND FOR HEARING, AND JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE PROCEEDING.

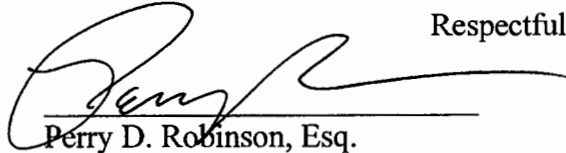
In view of the resolution of the issues and the pending joint motion to terminate the proceeding, the parties hereby respectfully request that the current hearing process established by the October 21, 1999 Order be held in abeyance, until such time as the Commission has an opportunity to act upon the motion to terminate the proceeding. This request is made pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.1325(c)

The parties recognize that pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.1325(e), submitting the request to terminate the above-captioned proceeding may not, by itself, stay or extend any aspect of the proceeding. Therefore, the parties respectfully request that an order be issued immediately suspending further action in this proceeding until the Commission has acted upon the joint motion to terminate. Such action will allow the parties and the NRC Staff to conserve their resources, which otherwise would have to be devoted to preparing for the hearing on the schedule set by the October 21, 1999 Order.

The parties believe that prompt termination of this proceeding is in the best interest of the parties and the public. In addition, as indicated in the joint motion to terminate, NEP recognizes that the NRC Staff's review of its license transfer Application will continue, and intends to provide further information to the NRC Staff, as needed, on any outstanding issues related to financial qualifications and foreign ownership.

WHEREFORE, the Parties jointly move that the above-captioned proceedings be held in abeyance, pending Commission approval of the notice of withdrawal and joint motion to terminate the proceedings.

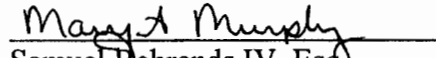
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