

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)
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North Atlantic Energy Service Corp. and)
Montaup Electric Company)
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(Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1))
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Docket No. 50-443
(License No. NPF-86)

**JOINT MOTION OF ALL ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS
FOR
TEN-DAY EXTENSION
TO PERMIT CONTINUATION OF
SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE THOMAS S. MOORE:

The Memorandum and Order CLI-99-06, dated March 5, 1999, in this proceeding established a procedural schedule providing that initial written statements of position and written direct testimony were to be filed today, April 5, 1999. The Order, however, also requested that the parties confer promptly on whether the dispute may be settled amicably without conducting a hearing.

Consistent with that latter request, New England Power Company, Little Bay Power Corporation, and Montaup Electric Company, the three active participants in this proceeding (collectively referred to as "Participants"), have been engaged in serious settlement discussions. The negotiations continued through last weekend. Late Sunday evening, April 3, 1999, the Participants reached the judgment that the possibility of concluding a settlement was high. Accordingly, in order to allow the Participants to devote their resources to concluding a settlement, and to avoid any interference with the settlement process that could result if the Participants were to file today their initial written statements of position and direct testimony, the

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Participants jointly request a ten-day extension of the procedural schedule.

The Participants believe that within that ten-day period they will either be able to conclude the negotiations and file a settlement terminating this proceeding, or will have determined that despite the best efforts of all the Participants, no such settlement can be achieved. Assuming the extension is granted, all procedural dates would be moved, with some deadlines being adjusted to avoid having the revised date fall on a weekend or holiday. The revised schedule would be as follows:

April 15 – initial statements of position and testimony

May 5 – rebuttal testimony and questions on initial testimony

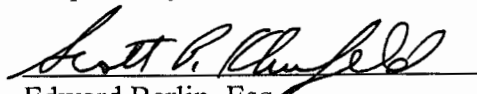
May 14 – proposed questions regarding rebuttal testimony

May 28 – hearing

June 17 – concluding statements

WHEREFORE, for the above reasons, the Participants respectfully request that the procedural schedule in the above proceeding be extended by ten days in order to permit the parties to attempt to conclude settlement negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,



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SERVICE CORP., et al.)
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I hereby certify that copies of the attached JOINT MOTION OF ALL ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS FOR TEN-DAY EXTENSION TO PERMIT CONTINUATION OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS were served upon the persons listed below by U.S. mail, first class, postage prepaid, with copies by electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk (*) this 5th day of April, 1999.

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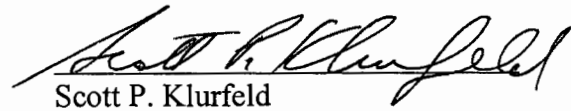
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