

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION

LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY

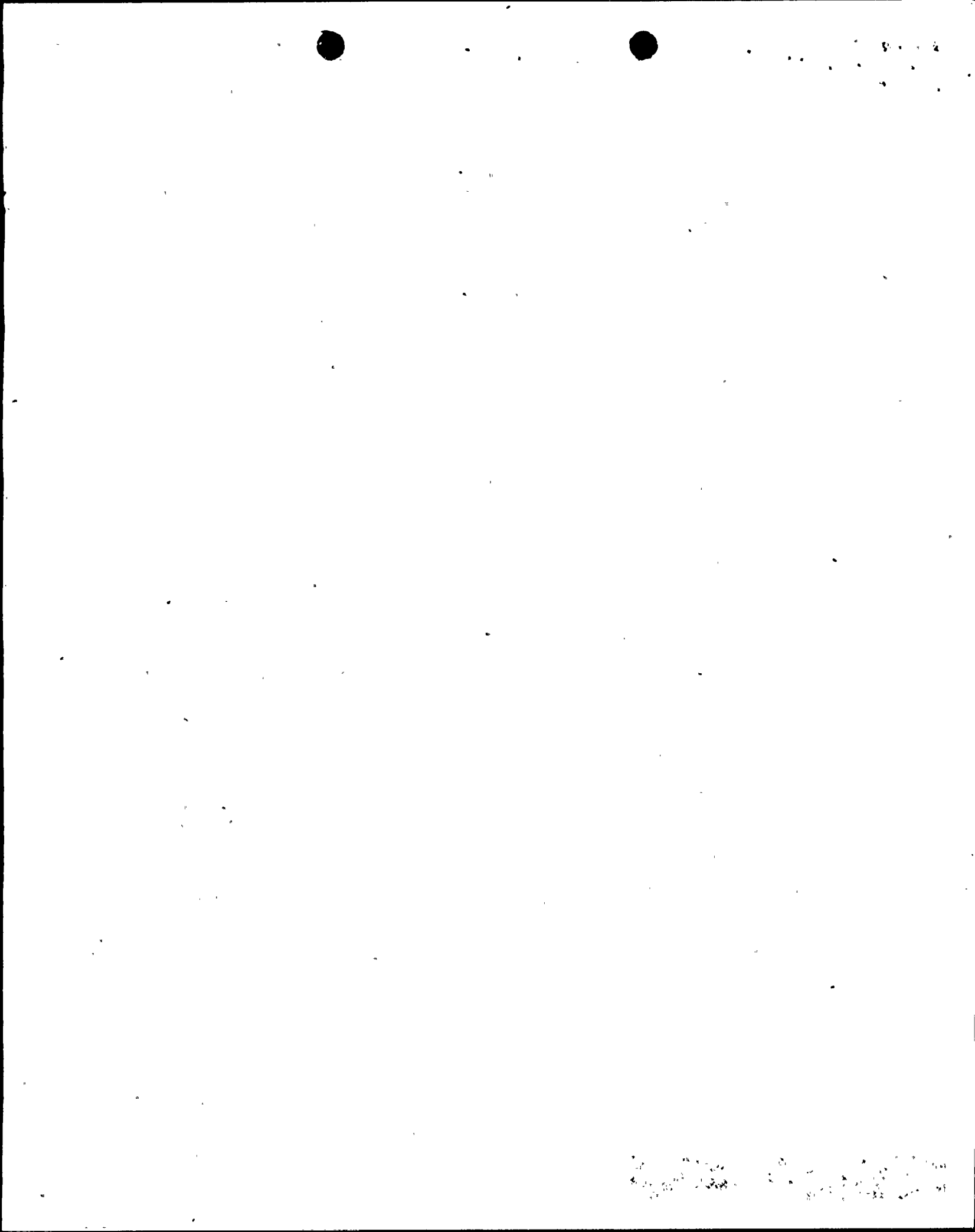
ROCHESTER GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Long Island Lighting Company and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation are the co-holders of Construction Permit No. CPPR-112 issued by the Atomic Energy Commission* to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation on June 24, 1974 for construction of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2 to be located in Oswego County, New York, on the south shore of Lake Ontario in the town of Scriba, seven miles east of the city of Oswego, New York. The Construction Permit No. CPPR-112 was amended on October 27, 1978 to approve the transfer of ownership interests to the above noted companies.

By letter dated February 27, 1978, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation filed a request for extension of the latest construction completion date for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2. It was requested that Construction Permit No. CPPR 112 be extended from July 31, 1978 to December 31, 1984. By letter dated June 26, 1981, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation identified additional factors which have resulted in further delay and requested the latest completion date be extended an additional three years to December 31, 1987.

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This action involves no significant hazards consideration, good cause has been shown for the delays and the requested extension is for a reasonable period, the basis for which are set forth in the staff's safety evaluation for this extension.

The Commission has determined that this action will not result in any significant environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

The NRC staff evaluation of the request for extension of the construction permit is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, D. C. 20555 and at the Denfield Library, State University College at Oswego, Oswego, New York 13126.

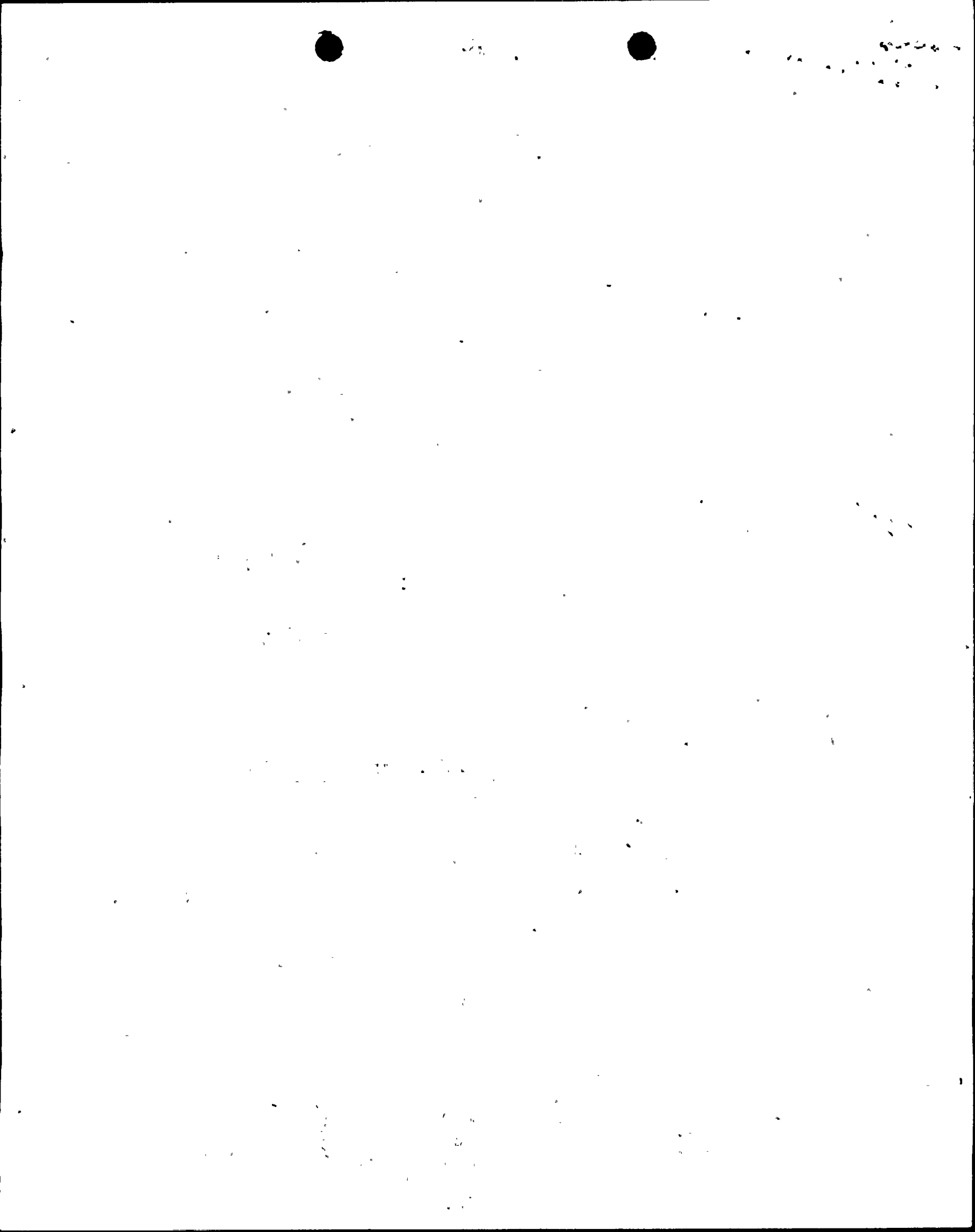
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the latest completion date for Construction Permit No. CPPR-112 is extended from July 31, 1978 to December 31, 1987.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Robert A. Purple, Deputy Director
Division of Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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The reasons given for the requested extension to December 31, 1984 were:

1. Reduction in the demand for electric power in the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's service area;
2. Difficulty in obtaining funds at a reasonable rate thereby delaying construction;
3. Additional construction time required to implement design changes such as relocation of the safety/relief valve piping to mitigate Mark II containment dynamic loads and changing from once-through to closed loop circulating water cooling;
4. Additional time required to study geological features and phenomena;
5. Extended construction period caused by labor problems and work stoppages in 1976 and 1977 and shortages of qualified welders, material procurement delays and shortages of qualified vendors; and
6. Delay in granting the original Construction Permit.

The reasons given for the additional three years of extension to December 31, 1987 were:

1. Additional time required to implement design changes and improvements to meet NRC requirements, some of which resulted from the Three Mile Island incident;
2. Additional time required to evaluate geological features and phenomena; and
3. Additional time consumed by an extensive audit of the project as ordered and directed by the New York State Public Service Commission.

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