



UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

Mr. J. D. Bond
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear J. D.:

I am pleased to learn as a result of the recent telephone conversation between you and the Executive Secretary of the Panel that you are available and willing to serve as Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in the matter of Jersey Central Power and Light Company and the Metropolitan Edison Company, Docket No. 50-320. This will confirm your designation as Chairman of this Board, the other members of which will be Mr. Jack M. Campbell, Alternate Chairman; Dr. Clarke Williams; Dr. Abel Wolman and Mr. R. B. Briggs, Alternate Member.

This Board is authorized to conduct a prehearing conference and a hearing in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission and the Notice of Hearing which will later be given. It now appears that it may be possible to hold the hearing in the near future.

The Executive Secretary will consult with you and the other members of the Board later concerning specific dates for the prehearing conference and the hearing which will to the extent practicable be fixed to meet the convenience of the Board, the Regulatory Staff and the Applicant. If the Board decides it is necessary or desirable to change the dates fixed in the Notice of Hearing, please consult with me or the Executive Secretary of the Panel before finally fixing the new date so that all relevant matters, including plans for other conferences and hearings, can be taken into account.

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The Chairman of the Board is authorized and encouraged to make the arrangements for such meetings of the members of the Board, prior to the prehearing conference and thereafter, as he and the Board may deem necessary. Many members of the Panel have advised me they find such meetings most useful in reviewing the application, the ACRS letter, the staff's safety analysis and other relevant papers and in making such other advance preparation as is necessary to facilitate the holding of an expeditious and effective hearing.

Sincerely yours,



A. A. Wells, Chairman
Atomic Safety and
Licensing Board Panel

cc: Dr. Clarke Williams
Dr. Abel Wolman
Mr. Jack M. Campbell
Mr. R. B. Briggs