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Re: Portland General Electric Company, <u>et al</u>. (Trojan Nuclear Plant) Docket No. 50-344 (Control Building Proceeding)

Gentlemen:

In our September 12 response to the NRC Staff's Motion to Postpone Hearing, we informed the Board that we would do everything within our ability to facilitate the issuance of an SER at the earliest possible date. We indicated that, among other things, within a few days after the NRC Staff provided us with their remaining questions we would request a meeting with the Staff in Bethesda in order to discuss both our understanding of the questions they raise and the approach we expect to take in responding, including the type of information we would expect to provide. We also indicated that, shortly after such meeting we would inform the Board and the parties as to our expected schedule for answering the NRC Staff's questions.

We have now received the following requests for additional information from the NRC Staff:

> September 14 - 10 questions September 20 - 6 questions September 28 - 7 questions October 2 - 25 questions

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Our review of these additional 48 questions, including the questions dated October 2, has progressed sufficiently that we have been able to schedule a meeting for the foregoing purposes with the NRC Staff on October 18. As we have promised the Board, we will inform the Board and the parties shortly thereafter as to the timing of the filing of our answers to these questions.

We will continue to make every effort to facilitate the expeditious issuance of an SER and the rescheduling of the hearing at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

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(Trojan Nuclear Plant)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 5, 1979, I served a copy of the letter signed by Maurice Axelrad to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, dated October 5, 1979, by placing a true copy of the said document in a scaled envelope with postage fully prepaid, in the United States wail at Washington, D. C. addressed as follows:

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