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In the Matter of
Dairyland Power Cooperative
(La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor)
Docket No. 50-409
Full Term License Proceeding

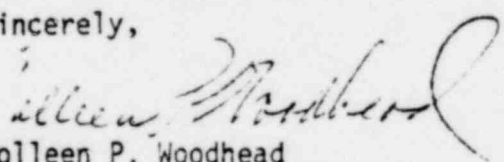


Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Board's recent prehearing conference request, the Staff has advised me that the Final Environmental Statement for LACBWR is scheduled for issuance in the first quarter of 1980.

Seven environmental contentions were submitted to the Board after negotiation by the parties in letters of September 12 and 19, 1978, from the Staff and Intervenor. Once the contentions are ruled upon by the Board, the Staff hopes to begin discovery so that we may proceed to hearing on the environmental issues involved in the full term operating license proceeding as indicated on page 6 of the Board's order of September 5, 1978.

Sincerely,


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