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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF)
NEW HAMPSHIRE. ET AL.)

(Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2))

Docket No. 50-443
50-444

ORDER

Elizabeth Weinhold has filed a petition requesting us to suspend construction at Seabrook and to impose higher seismic protection standards for the facility. Ms. Weinhold offers no evidence that has not been considered and rejected by a majority of our Appeal Board in ALAB-422, 6 NRC 33 (1977), and she offers us no adequate basis for staying the effectiveness of that decision pending our review. Her request for suspension of construction is therefore denied.

We have deferred review of the seismic questions addressed in ALAB-422 until we have received Appeal Board Member Michael C. Farrar's dissenting opinion. Mr. Farrar has advised that this opinion will issue on or before July 31, 1979.

Once we receive that opinion we will promptly address the petition for review of ALAB-422 on seismic grounds that has been filed by the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution. In view of the time that has passed since

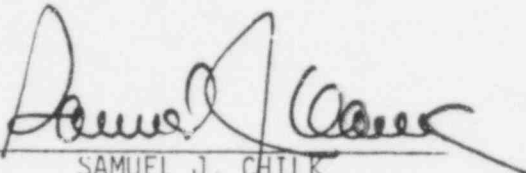
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ALAB-422 was decided, we will also consider pleadings discussing the seismic portion of ALAB-422 and the supplemental opinion filed by the Coalition, or by Ms. Weinhold, and any replies thereto filed by staff, or by the utilities involved in the Seabrook project. Any such supplemental papers should be filed on a basis and schedule similar to that provided in 10 CFR 2.786 for petitions for review, and for replies to petitions for review.

It is so ORDERED.

For the Commission


SAMUEL J. CHILK
Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Washington, DC,
this 22^d day of June, 1979.