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The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie Chairman United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is requested that the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission enter into an agreement with the State of Rhode Island to provide for discontinuance of certain Commission authority and responsibility for the regulation of sources of ionizing radiation and the assumption thereof by this State.

Section 23-1.3-7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island authorizes me, as Governor of Rhode Island, on behalf of this State, to enter into an agreement of this type.

The Rhode Island Department of Health is designated in Section 23-1.3-2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as the agency responsible for administering and enforcing regulations for the control of lonizing radiation in the State of Rhode Island.

I hereby certify that the State of Rhode Island has a program for the control of radiation hazards adequate to protect the public health and safety with respect to the materials within the State covered by the proposed agreement, and that the State desires to assume regula tory responsibility for such materials. I also certify that there is no by-product material as defined in Section 11e(2) of Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, within the State and that there is no activity within the State resulting in the production of such by-product material.

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The following documents are enclosed in support of this request: (1) a copy of the proposed agreement; (2) Rhode Island's Radiation Control Program; and (3) Rhode Island's Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation.

We would like to execute the agreement as soon as possible, and we propose that the effective date for the assumption of regulatory authority by the State of Rhode Island be October 1, 1979.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Joseph Garrahy

Enclosure