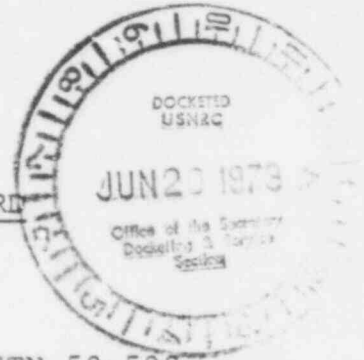


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD



In the Matter of

NRC PUBLIC DOCUMENT ROOM

Arizona Public Service)

Company, et al.)

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating)

Station, Units 4 & 5)

DOCKET NOS. STN 50-592
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JOINT APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO MOTION OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND FOR LEAVE TO FILE
A REPLY

On June 4, 1979, joint applicants Arizona Public Service Company, Southern California Edison Company, El Paso Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Nevada Power Company, Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles, City of Anaheim, City of Burbank, City of Glendale, City of Pasadena, and City of Riverside (the "Joint Applicants") received a copy of the Environmental Defense Fund's ("EDF") motion for leave to file a reply to the NRC Staff's and Joint Applicants' responses to its petition for leave to intervene, dated June 1, 1979. Joint Applicants oppose the motion on the grounds that EDF has failed to provide a sufficient basis for its request.

EDF's untimely Petition for Leave to Intervene was filed on May 3, 1979. Responses to EDF's Petition were filed

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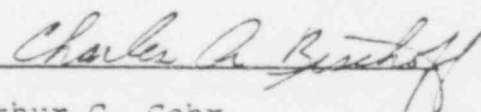
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by the NRC Staff and Joint Applicants. Section 2.714 of the Commission's Rules of Practice provides that any party to a proceeding may file an answer to a petition for leave to intervene. A petitioner is not granted a right to reply to an answer to its petition under the Commission's regulations.

EDF has filed its motion for leave to file a reply pursuant to Section 2.730. In support of its motion, EDF alleges that the responses of the NRC Staff and the Joint Applicants contain "factual inaccuracies, citation of inapposite cases and inaccurate analysis of the applicable statutes and regulations." (Motion at 1). These allegations fail to establish a sufficient basis for granting EDF's request. The record before this Licensing Board respecting EDF's Petition is complete; to permit EDF to file a reply would delay the Board's determination of whether the Petition meets the requirements for intervention. Therefore, Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Board enter an order denying EDF's motion for leave to reply.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of June, 1979.

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