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Re: Skagit Nuclear Power Project
Docket Nos. 50-522 and 50-523

Dear Roger:

This is in reply to your letter of July 6, 1979 requesting us to furnish a witness to testify concerning the West Roosevelt site, which is located in the state of Washington across the Columbia River from the Pebble Springs site. You made the same request of us in your letter of May 17, 1976, on the eve of the June 2, 1976 evidentiary hearing. We answered in our letter of May 21, 1976 as follows:

"Although the Roosevelt area may ultimately prove to be an excellent siting area, it has not yet been fully investigated and documented and no state siting or federal construction permit applications have yet been filed. For this and other reasons the Roosevelt area does not represent a reasonable alternative site for the Skagit units, which are urgently needed as soon as they can possibly be completed.

A site on the Hanford reservation, which is in the same general area as Roosevelt and has been fully documented, and where other nuclear facilities have been licensed, would come closer than the Roosevelt area to affording an alternative site for the Skagit units, if a site east of the mountains and remote from the north-western Washington load center were preferred, which is not the case. Because the evidence already of record in this proceeding clearly establishes that the Skagit site is preferable to the Hanford area for the load center intended to be served by the Skagit units, evidence as to the Roosevelt area would not be material to this proceeding. Thus we are not planning to present any witness for you to cross-examine as to that area."



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Our answer is still the same.

We also remind you that on June 2, 1976 Mr. Rosolie on behalf of FOB/CFSP made an oral motion that the Board require both the Staff and the Applicant to provide an analysis of the West Roosevelt site as an alternative to the proposed Skagit site. Tr. 5032-33. On June 3, 1976 this motion was denied by Chairman Jensch, who said: "The Board does not believe that the West Roosevelt alternative is a reasonable one for consideration in this proceeding at this time". Tr. 5110. We are not aware of any reason why this ruling should be reversed. Hence, unless otherwise instructed by the Board, we do not intend to comply with your request.

Very truly yours,

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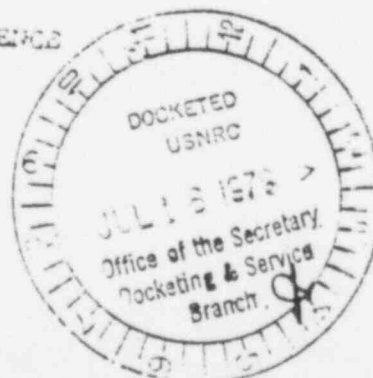
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