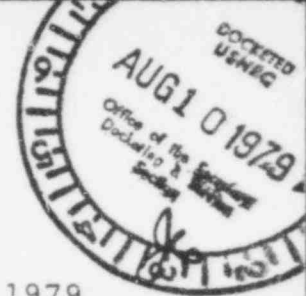


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Secretary of the Commission
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Re: Critical Mass Energy Project, et al.;
Filing of Petition for Rule Making -
Emergency Planning - Docket No. PRM-50-23 (44FR 32486)

Dear Sir:

The subject petition was noticed in the Federal Register on Wednesday, June 6, 1979, 44 Fed. Reg. 32486. The petitioners renewed and supplemented a previous petition on evacuation plans submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("Commission") on August 6, 1975, and denied by the Commission on July 7, 1977. Comments on the subject petition were requested by August 6, 1979.

On July 12, 1979, the Commission issued an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking which was published in the Federal Register on July 17, 1979, 44 Fed. Reg. 41483. The Commission requested comments by August 31, 1979, on various issues set forth with respect to the adequacy and acceptance of emergency planning around nuclear facilities. The issues raised by the Commission in the July 12, 1979, notice included issues raised in the petition of Critical Mass Energy Project, et al. ("Critical Mass").

Due to the similarity of issues presented in the Critical Mass petition and in the Commission's July 12, 1979, notice, the Power Authority of the State of New York ("Power Authority") requests that the comment period on the Critical Mass petition be extended to August 31, 1979. This extension date, corresponding to the due date for comments on the Commission's notice, will enable the Power Authority to comment on the common issues raised by the Commission and Critical Mass in a detailed, efficient and expeditious manner.

Very truly yours,

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