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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY, <u>et al</u>. (Carroll County Site)

Docket Nos. \$50-599 \$50-600

MOTION TO DEFER SPECIAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On July 10, 1979, the Licensing Board issued an order scheduling the Special Prehearing Conference in the captioned proceeding for August 15-16, 1979. The NRC Staff respectfully moves the Board to defer that conference for at least one month.

At present, both of the NRC Staff counsel assigned to the Carroll County Site proceeding are scheduled to participate in another hearing on the dates in question. While other Staff counsel might be made available to represent the Staff at this conference, such action would necessitate a duplication of preparatory efforts, and force a reallocation of Staff resources.

Moreover, Staff believes that the additional time could be advantageously used to attempt to negotiate contentions with Intervenors prior to such a conference. To date, no such meetings have occurred.

Counsel for Applicant, the Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and the Attorney General of the State of Iowa indicate that they do not object to

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such a delay as that proposed by Staff. Counsel for the Daviess County Ad Hoc Committee on Nuclear Energy Information, and the Icwa Public Interest Group, Inc., have indicated that such a delay would assist them in preparing their respective cases.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 13th day of July, 1979

* Neither a representative of the Iowa Socialist Party nor Jan L. Kodner, Esq., could be contacted to ascertain their positions on this motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "MOTION TO DEFER SPECIAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, or, as indicated by an asterisk, through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, this 13th day of July, 1979.

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