UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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| MAINE YAN | KEE ATOMIC | POWER | COMPANY | ; | Docket No. 50-309 |
| (Maine Va | nke Atomic | Power | Station) |) | (Spent Fuel) |



NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO PETITION BY THE STATE OF MAINE FOR PARTICIPATION AS AN INTERESTED STATE PURSUANT TO 10 CFR § 2.715(c)

In the event that a hearing is held to consider the request by the Licensee to amend its license to expand the capacity of its spent fuel pool, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff would support the petition of the State of Maine to appear as an interested state in such proceeding pursuant to 10 CFR 8 2.715(c) and would welcome its participation in the matter.

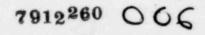
Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO PETITION BY THE STATE OF MAINE FOR PARTICIPATION AS AN INTERESTED STATE PURSUANT TO 10 CFR § 2.715(c)" 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 11th day of December, 1979:

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