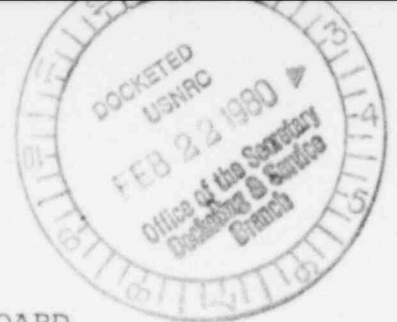


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	Docket No. 50-367
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NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC)	(Construction Permit
SERVICE COMPANY)	Extension)
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(Bailly Generating Station,)	February 20, 1980
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NIPSCO'S RESPONSE TO ILLINOIS'
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

By Order dated February 7, 1980, the Licensing Board established a schedule for the filing of supplements to petitions for leave to intervene (February 26) and responses thereto (March 7) and for a prehearing conference (March 12-13).

On February 15, the State of Illinois requested a two-week extension for the prehearing conference -- i.e., to March 27-28.

Upon receipt of the Illinois motion, counsel for NIPSCO initiated contact by telephone with counsel for petitioners Porter County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, et al. (Mr. Vollen); Lake Michigan Federation (Mr. Robbins); City of Gary, et al. (Ms. Cohn); Illinois (Mr. Hansell); and the Staff (Mr. Goldberg) and Mr. Mezo of Local 1010 of the United Steel Workers of America. We inquired as to representatives' availability on the dates suggested by Illinois (March 27-28) as well as during the week of March 17. No date appears to be universally convenient although, since, according to his office, Mr. Hansell is unavailable until March 1, we were unable to ask

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whether the week of March 17 would be acceptable to Illinois.

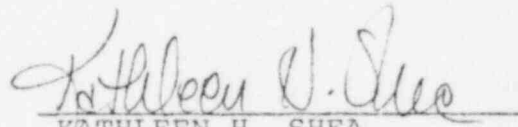
NIPSCO will accommodate any schedule established by the Board. Given the apparent impossibility of accommodating the first preference of all representatives, we respectfully suggest that that the best course may be to adhere to the schedule established by the Board almost two weeks ago.

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I hereby certify that a copy of NIPSCO's Response to Illinois' Motion for Continuance was served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery on this 20th day of February, 1980.

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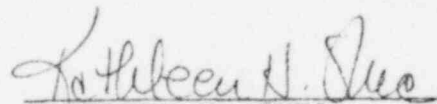
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