



ISHAM, LINCOLN & BEALE
COUNSELORS AT LAW

ONE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA FORTY-SECOND FLOOR
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603

TELEPHONE 312-558-7500 TELEX: 2-5288

WASHINGTON OFFICE
1050 17TH STREET, N. W.
SEVENTH FLOOR
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036
202-633-9730

March 5, 1980

Marshall E. Miller, Esq., Chairman
Atomic Safety and Licensing
Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dr. A. Dixon Callihan
Union Carbide Corporation
P.O. Box Y
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dr. Richard F. Cole
Atomic Safety and Licensing
Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: In the Matter of Commonwealth Edison Company
(Byron Station, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-454, 50-455

Gentlemen:

On February 13, 1980, we moved the Board for entry of an order ruling on the admissibility of the filed contentions of the League of Women Voters of Rockford or, alternatively, setting a schedule for briefing the admissibility of said contentions. By Order, dated February 21, 1980, the Board requested the parties to file briefs on the admissibility of said contentions by March 14, 1980. Prior to receipt of said Order, Mr. Myron Cherry, representing the League of Women Voters of Rockford, requested that Commonwealth Edison Company agree to the entry and continuance of its Motion until March 10, 1980, in order to permit the League to file revised contentions. Both Edison and the NRC Staff, by Mr. Myron Karman, agreed to this request as is set forth in Mr. Cherry's letter to you dated February 22, 1980. Since receipt of your Order, both Mr. Cherry and Mr. Karman have advised me they wish to abide by the February 22, 1980 agreement reached by the parties.

In view of the foregoing, we request that the Board vacate its Order of February 21, 1980, and permit the League to file revised contentions on March 10, 1980. In

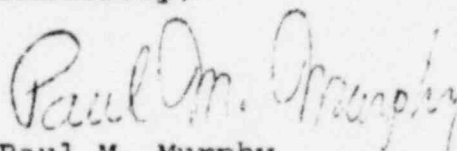
6

8004000411

Messrs. Miller, Callihan and Cole
March 5, 1980
Page Two

the event the League fails to file revised contentions by March 10, 1980, Edison will file its brief on the earlier contentions by March 25, 1980. In the event revised contentions are filed by March 10, 1980, we would propose to respond thereto by March 25, 1980, or, if it appears further attempts to negotiate with the League would be warranted and fruitful, we will so inform the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul M. Murphy".

Paul M. Murphy
One of the Attorneys for
Commonwealth Edison Company

PMM/sag

cc: All parties on attached
Service List

Marshall E. Miller, Esq., Chairman
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dr. A. Dixon Callihan
Union Carbide Corporation
P.O. Box Y
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dr. Richard F. Cole
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Myron Karman, Esq.
Office of the Executive Legal
Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Richard J. Goddard, Esq.
Office of the Executive Legal
Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal
Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Secretary
Attn: Chief, Docketing and
Service Section
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Chief Hearing Counsel
Office of the Executive Legal
Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Ms. Betty Johnson
1907 Stratford Lane
Rockford, Illinois 61107

Dr. Bruce von Zellen
Department of Biological Sciences
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

Ms. Beth L. Galbreath
734 Parkview
Rockford, Illinois 61107

Paul M. Murphy, Esq.
Isham, Lincoln & Beale
One First National Plaza
Suite 4200
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Michael I. Miller, Esq.
Isham, Lincoln & Beale
One First National Plaza
Suite 4200
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Mr. Cordell Reed
Commonwealth Edison Company
P.O. Box 767
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Myron M. Cherry, Esq.
Cherry, Flynn & Kanter
One IBM Plaza
Room 4501
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dr. Julianne Mahler
Center for Governmental Studies
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

Kenneth F. Levin, Esq.
Beatty, Levin, Holland, Basofin
& Sarsany
11 South LaSalle Street
Suite 2200
Chicago, Illinois 60603