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SUMMARY OF MARCH 19, 1980 MEETING WITH NTCP APPLICANTS GROUP

On March 19, 1980, we met with representatives of the Near-Term Construction Permit (NTCP) Applicants Group in Bethesda, Maryland to discuss matters associated with the resumption of construction permit application review activities, especially those associated with the Three Mile Island Unit 2 (TMI-2) accident. The Applicants Group is composed of representatives of Boston Edison Company, Duke Power Company, Houston Lighting and Power Company, Portland General Electric Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma and Puget Sound Power and Light Company, the utilities with pending construction permit applications. The meeting was requested by letter dated February 28, 1980 from Houston Lighting & Power Company on behalf of itself and the other NTCP applicants. An attendance list is provided in the enclosure.

The Applicants Group emphasized that its member utilities have already made substantial investments in their proposed plants and must decide soon whether to continue with their plans to construct the plants or to seek other alternatives. The Applicants Group sought information concerning our plans to resume construction permit application review activities, especially those associated with the TMI-2 accident; the availability of our resources to review the pending construction permit applications and to support the associated public hearings; and possible efforts the Applicants Group could undertake to assist us in our efforts. We advised the Applicants Group that we have already begun to resume licensing activities as evidenced by our recent issuance of an operating license for Sequoyah Unit 1. We acknowledged the Applicants Group's concerns and advised the Applicants Group of our plans to support construction permit application review activities, especially those associated with the TMI-2 accident.

We informed the Applicants Group that we have established within the Standardization Branch a group composed of selected individuals who had served on the Lessons Learned and Bulletins and Orders Task Forces and the NRC Special Inquiry Group. This group is charged with the responsibility of proposing, for Commission consideration, requirements stemming from the TMI-2 accident to be addressed by the NTCP applicants. The proposed requirements are to be based on Draft 3 of the TMI-2 Action Plan, are to be reviewed by the NRC staff and the ACRS, and will be presented to the Commission for its consideration in the form of a Commission Paper. In establishing the proposed requirements, special

emphasis is expected to be placed on such areas as emergency preparedness, site suitability and applicant competence for design and construction. We advised the Applicants Group that we do not expect the completion of our planned long-term studies and rulemaking hearings to be prerequisites to the issuance of the NTCP's.

We suggested that the Applicants Group undertake an effort in parallel with ours to propose requirements based on Draft 3 of the TMI-2 Action Plan to be addressed by the NTCP applicants. We also encouraged the Applicants Group to present its positions at the April 9, 1980 TMI-2 Accident Implications ACRS Subcommittee meeting and offered to assist the Applicants Group in this endeavor.

The Applicants Group designated Public Service Company of Oklahoma's proposed Black Fox Station as the NTCP lead plant and established under the leadership of Mr. Vaughn Conrad of Public Service Company of Oklahoma a Working Group which will undertake an effort in parallel with ours to propose requirements based on Draft 3 of the TMI-2 Action Plan to be addressed by the NTCP applicants.

The Working Group agreed to participate with our group in a working session in approximately one week to evaluate the progress made to that time. The Applicants Group agreed to meet again with us in approximately two weeks to discuss the progress made to that time. The Applicants Group also agreed to pursue with the ACRS staff our suggestion that it present its positions at the April 9, 1980 TMI-2 Accident Implications Subcommittee meeting.

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Enclosure: Attendance List

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