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Gentlemen:

During a November 2, 1978 telephone discussion between Mr. W. J. Shelley of KMNC and Frank Lomax of my staff, Mr. Shelley asked the date that NRC will reschedule the remainder of the license review for the KMNC South Powder River Basin uranium mill, which was placed in a suspended status June 30, 1978. Mr. Shelley indicated that he is prepared to compile and issue a final environmental report supplement which will document all of the interim KMNC submissions of additional information and complete the SPRB mill environmental report.

On reviewing the case history, I note that on September 19, 1977, the NRC informed you of our requirement for additional analyses and information in support of the SPRB mill license application. On December 23, 1977, we reiterated the need for further information and provided a suggested minimum list of alternatives for your review. Our letter of February 10, 1978 requested an estimated completion date for the additional analyses and required submissions. On June 30, 1978, NRC suspended action on the SPRB mill due to lack of sufficient information to complete the environmental review. The suspended status was to extend until August 28, 1978 to allow time for your response to be prepared.

By letter, July 25, 1978, KMNC recognized that the review of the SPRB mill application was being delayed due to late submission of required information and indicated that a date would be set by August 10, 1978 for the required submission. The same letter indicated that you might need an extension of the August 28, 1978 deadline to complete your planned response.

On September 27, 1978, you sent a final KMNC response to the September 19, 1977 request for additional analysis and information.

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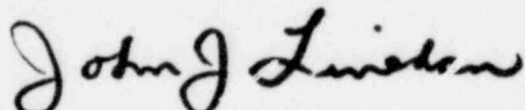
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As my staff member indicated to you on November 2, 1978, the rescheduling of the suspended SPRB mill case will be delayed until a detailed review of your most recent submissions of August 7 and September 27, 1978 is completed. The staff and consultant personnel who were handling the SPRB mill case have been assigned other work on active cases during the suspension of the SPRB mill case, however, I expect to schedule the necessary review during January 1979.

If the environmental report with the interim submissions is now adequate in the staff's judgement, I will reschedule the remainder of the NRC efforts related to the SPRB uranium mill license review. I will provide you a copy of the schedule when it is prepared.

In case there is a further exchange of questions and information based on the planned review, you may wish to delay the issue of your final environmental report supplement to allow inclusion of any further submissions.

Sincerely,

for 

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