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In the Matter of
Puget Sound Power & Light Company, et al.
(Skagit Nuclear Power Project, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. STN 50-522 and STN 50-523

Gentlemen:

In a document entitled "Conference of January 22, 1980: Background, Purpose and Results", dated March 6, 1980, the Board, among other things, instructed the Staff and the Applicants to make a written report by April 15, 1980, regarding the progress being made toward resolving the USGS/Staff requests for additional information which were forwarded to the Applicants on January 8, 1980. This letter constitutes the Staff's response to the Board's request for information.

As the Board noted in its March 6, 1980 memorandum, Puget Power sent a letter to the Staff on February 15, 1980, requesting clarification of the USGS/Staff questions. Upon receipt of the letter, the Staff informed the USGS of the Applicants' inquiry. The Staff has informed Puget Power of the availability of two recently released USGS open-file reports that are referenced in the USGS/Staff questions, and which may provide clarification of some of the USGS/Staff questions. Puget Power informed the Staff that it would set up discussions with the Staff regarding the USGS/Staff questions and the new USGS reports. The date for the discussions has not yet been set. It is likely, however, that the Staff and Applicants will either meet or engage in a telephone conference call within two or three weeks.

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Since the Staff has not yet received responses to its questions, it is in no better position than it found itself at the January 22, 1980 Conference regarding its ability to predict a reasonable date for rescheduling hearings on geology and seismology. Further, it is unlikely that the Staff will have anything significant to report to the Board regarding the resolution of the USGS/Staff questions in the next month. Accordingly, the Staff proposes to submit a written report to the Board on the status of the questions on or before ^{MAY} 30, 1980. Should any significant developments arise regarding this proceeding before that date, the Staff will, of course, so inform the Board.

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