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OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM FOR: Harold Denton, Director, NRR
FROM: John Ahearne *JA*
SUBJECT: MAINE YANKEE SEISMIC ANALYSIS ORDER

I have reviewed the proposed order of May 16th and have one recommendation regarding it.

On page 5 of the proposed order, the first paragraph discusses the inherent seismic conservatism in the facility design. I believe this paragraph is inappropriate in the order. It is not supported by material in the SER, nor is it essential to the order. It is neither addressed in the original order nor, therefore, a statement necessary to follow on to the original order.

Therefore, I believe it should be removed from the order. If the staff believes the subject matter is important to the decision being reached, I believe that a discussion of the seismic conservatisms should be in the SER.

In addition, I believe that the sentence "The NRC will be further reviewing the subject of seismic design capability. . ." is more correctly stated "The NRC will be further considering the issue of seismic design capability. . ."

cc: Chairman Hendrie
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Kennedy
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