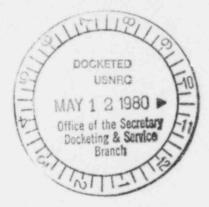
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION before the ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD



In the Matter of MAINE YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANY (Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station)

Docket No. 50-309 (Spent Fuel Pool Compaction)

LICENSEE'S MOTION FOR EVTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO INTERVENOR'S SPECIFIC CONTENTIONS

Now comes the Licensee and says as follows:

1. On January 4, 1980 the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) issued a Notice of Special Prehearing Conference in the above-entitled matter setting such conference down for February 12, 1980 and setting January 28, 1980 as the date for filing specific contentions and February 8, 1980 as the date for responding thereto.

2. On January 16, 1980 the intervenor, Sensible Maine Power (SMP), filed a motion for a ninety-day enlargement of the time for filing its contentions and for rescheduling the prehearing conference.

3. On January 25, 1980 the motion was granted by the Board and the times for filing specific contentions and

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responses thereto as April 28, 1980 and May 12, 1980, respectively.

4. On April 28, 1980 SMP did file its specific contentions which (due to the excellence of the U.S. mails) were not received by counsel for the Licensee until Friday, May 2, 1980.

5. Both trial counsel for the Licensee are currently involved in various cases before the courts and agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which preclude their undertaking the necessary review and consultation to draft a meaningful response to the contentions at least until May 20, 1980. In addition, these same counsel must prepare for an argument before the Commission on the <u>Seabrook</u> Docket Nos. 50-443, 50-444 proceeding on May 23, 1980.

WHEREFORE: The Licensee moves that the time for filing its response to SMP's specific contentions be extended 30 days to and including June 11, 1980.

We are authorized to say that SMP has no objection to this request.

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