

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

DOCKET NUMBER PETITION RULE PAM-Docket No. PRM

Proposed Rulemaking on Emergency Planning

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

The electric utilities on whose behalf the Petition is filed, hereby petition the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) for a deferral in the promulgation of the final interim emergency response planning regulations proposed in the Federal Register. 44 <u>Fed. Reg.</u> 75167 (December 19, 1979) Petitioners also seek the Commission to direct its staff to cease from imposing such proposed regulations, as is now the practice. Petitioners petition the Commission to promptly redraft and republish proposed emergency plan regulations that are consistent with the matters raised herein; such will permit informed public comment. The petition is filed pursuant to 10 C.F.R.

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§2.802. 1/ A statement in support of Petition is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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1/ In the event, the Commission questions the application of 10 C.F.R. §2.802, Petitioners would request the Commission to treat the Petition and supporting statement as a Motion to Defer. However, Petitioners maintain 10 C.F.R. §2.802 is applicable inasmuch as the Petition concerns itself with the issuance of a regulation.