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In the Matter of

THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY AND THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY

(Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2 and 3)

THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, et al.

(Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos 50-3464 50-500A 50-501A

Docket Nos. 50-440A 50-441A

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

September 2, 1977 (ALAB-430)

The City of Cleveland and the Department of Justice have each moved to strike a different appendix to applicants' reply brief in this antitrust proceeding. We will discuss each motion in turn.

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The City of Cleveland seeks to strike Appendix A, a series of charts purportedly showing where the parties' initial briefs discuss certain findings in the decision below. There are extensive footnotes to the charts consisting of legal argument. The City contends that this appendix violates the 100 page limitation set by us for reply briefs in this case. The City is correct. The lengthy footnotes are plainly legal argument and, therefore, should have been in the body of the brief. The charts themselves are also argumentative in nature for they are explained by applicants as having been submitted for the purpose of demonstrating that the staff, the Justice Department and Cleveland have not gone beyond the "language" of the decision below in attempting to support their That this proposition is controversial is shown by the staff's answering papers, which claim that the charts are incomplete in significant respects. We view Appendix A as simply an attempt by the applicants to exceed the page limitations which we set. We decline to

Applicants also state that another purpose of the appendix was to demonstrate the failure of these parties to coordinate their positions on appeal. This purpose is hardly relevant to the merits of the appeal; nor is it relevant to any other issue now before us.

countenance it. Their contention that there may have been similarly improper appendices attached to other parties' briefs filed earlier is beside the point; they did not complain about those appendices at the time they were filed. We will therefore grant this motion to strike Appendix A and disregard any arguments made therein which are not also set forth in the body of the brief.

The Department of Justice moves to strike Appendix B to the reply brief. Its motion is supported by the staff. This appendix relates to an affidavit of Justice Department witness William M. Lewis, Jr., which was admitted into evidence at the hearing below. The appendix consists of several letters submitted for the purpose of showing that Mr. Lewis' testimony that the affidavit "was not prepared in connection with any then-pending litigation" (Tr. 5619), relied upon in the Justice Department's brief, was not true. In fact, if anything, the documents substantiate this testimony. They seem to show that his affidavit was prepared to assist the Department in determining what advice to give this Commission, pursuant to section 105c of the Atomic Energy Act, regarding whether activities under a license to construct the Beaver Valley power plant (not involved in this case) would create or maintain a situation inconsistent

with the antitrust laws. Advice of this nature is required by that section on each construction permit application. It is rendered whether or not a hearing is recommended by the Department. Indeed, Justice represents (and applicants do not deny) that it recommended against an antitrust hearing on Beaver Valley and that none was held.

Still, we cannot permit Appendix B to become part of the record. That would be unfair because the Justice Department would not have the opportunity to present evidence explaining it or rebutting it. This might be prejudicial were some reviewing tribunal to interpret the bare documents differently than we do. If the letters in the appendix were newly discovered evidence and tended to show that significant testimony in the record was false, we might be sympathetic to a motion to reopen the hearing.

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However, in this case, the applicants do not deny the Department's assertion that they had the Appendix B documents in their possession for over a year prior to the introduction of Mr. Lewis' affidavit at the hearing and for more than 2-1/2 years before the submission of Appendix B to this Board.

While Appendix B does show that Mr. Lewis' recollection was faulty when he testified that he believed the affidavit was prepared in connection with the Zimmer plant (Tr. 5617), applicants have not shown why that mistake is of any consequence.

^{3/} No such motion has been made by the applicants.

Applicants' assertion that they were not aware of the existence of the letters in their own files until well after the close of the hearing below neither excuses nor justifies their unauthorized attempt to supplement the record by appending the documents to their appellate brief.

For the reasons stated, the motions to strike

Appendices A and B of applicants' reply brief are granted.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

Margaret E. Du Flo Secretary to the Appeal Board

_4/ In addition to Appendix B, the Justice Department would have us strike the last sentence in footnote 9 on page 13 of the body of the reply brief. Although we decline to take that action, it should be noted that the sentence in question contains argumentation based exclusively upon the contents of Appendix B. In view of our determination respecting that appendix, the sentence obviously will not serve to advance applicants' cause.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this

Left day of Sept 1977.

Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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