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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

Administrative Judges:

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, et al.

(Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-443-OL-1 50-444-OL-1

ORDER

1. We now have in hand the responses of the applicants and the NRC staff opposing the Massachusetts Attorney General's October 20, 1989, motion to expedite his appeal from the Licensing Board's order of October 12, 1989, LBP-89-28, 30 NRC ___. Assuming for the sake of argument that the Licensing Board's order is a final appealable order, the Attorney General's motion is denied.

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.711(a) a motion to expedite an appeal may be granted only upon a showing of good cause by the movant. Here, the Attorney General has made no such showing. Rather, in effect, he argues that "public policy" requires that his appeal be expedited simply because the Licensing Board was wrong in rejecting certain of the joint intervenors' contentions focused on the applicants' low-power testing. Such a claim is clearly insufficient to

differentiate it from any claim that a licensing board erred in rejecting late-filed contentions. Without more such a claim is insufficient to establish good cause.

2. In our order of October 23, 1989, directing the applicants and the staff to respond to the Attorney General's motion, we instructed both of them also to address the issue of the present appealability of the Licensing Board's order. In addition to addressing that question, the applicants have filed a motion to strike the Attorney General's notice of appeal as well as the notice of appeal filed October 25, 1989, by the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League (SAPL). Another joint intervenor, the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution (NECNP), has now also filed a notice of appeal dated October 27, 1989.

In order to avoid a proliferation of further response dates and additional motions, the Attorney General, SAPL, and NECNP shall all address the question of the current appealability of LBP-89-28 in filings served by November 9, 1989. Further, there is no longer any need for the Attorney General to comply with the earlier response date contained in our order of October 23, 1989. Once we receive the filings of the joint intervenors we will address the appealability question. In the interim, the time for filing briefs on the various appeals is tolled until further order.

It is so ORDERED.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing AB ORDER DTD 10/30/89 have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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