### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COLDISSION

# BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter Of

The Toledo Edison Company and
The Cleveland Electric Illuminating
Company
(Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station,
Unit 1)

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, et al. (Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2) Docket No. 50-346A

Docket Nos. 50-440A and 50-441A

APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD'S RULING ON THE MOTION OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND TO CHANGE PROCEDURAL DATES

The Department of Justice requests the Board's reconsideration of its Ruling on Motion of the City of Cleveland to Change Procedural Dates (Ruling), dated July 21, 1975. Such reconsideration is sought because of the substantial hardship the revised schedule will cause to Department. This hardship is occasioned by the Board's Ruling having allowed a four and one-half week extension of discovery, while extending the remaining procedural deadlines by only two weeks for informing Applicants of the nature of the case to be presented, and by only one week for filing of written testimony and pretrial briefs.

Since virtually all of the depositions and supplemental document review have taken place outside Washington, the Department's attorneys have not been available to complete

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their review of documents and deposition transcripts. After completing review of these discovery materials, the Department must still formulate its position on the <u>detailed</u> issues in controversy after consultation with its expert witnesses. \*/ Under the Board's Prehearing Conference Order No. 4 (Order), the Department was to be allowed a six week period in which to complete these steps in the preparation of its case. The Ruling allows only four weeks from the end of discovery to the filing of a detailed statement of issues. Due to the manpower limitations previously recognized by this Board, this is not a sufficient period for the Department to effectively frame the relevant issues in this proceeding in the required detail.

Since the Department, at the Board Chairman's request previously made no filing on this issue, we will set out in detail below our proposal, together with the schedules set forth in the Order and the Ruling:

	Order	Ruling	Department Proposal
Completion of all Depositions	July 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 2
Parties Other Than Applicants to Inform Applicants of Nature of case to be Presented	Aug. 15	Aug. 29	Sept. 5
Applicants May Respond To Delineation of Issues	Aug. 22	Sept. 5	Sept. 12
Prehearing Conference to Con- sider Motions to Curtail Or Eliminate Issues	Sept. 4	Sept. 12	2 Sept. 25

<sup>\*/</sup> These difficulties are not solely due to the highly compact deposition schedule, but also due to a limited extent to the four week delay in receipt of deposition transcripts which can only be avoided at a cost of at least four times what is currently being paid.

	Order	Ruling	Department Proposal
Parties Other Than Applicants File Direct Written Testimony of Expert Witnesses	Sept. 12	Sept. 26	Oct. 3
Applicants File Direct Written Testimony of Expert Witnesses	Sept. 17	Oct. 3	Oct. 8
All Parties File Pretrial Briefs	Oct. 1	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Hearing Begins	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 10

The Board in its Order recorded the awareness of all the parties that "the schedules proposed are stringent in terms of time allowances." (Order at p. 4). That "stringent" schedule had allowed for a little over 16 weeks from the conclusion of discovery (July 1) until the commencement of the hearing (October 23). The Ruling has truncated this time period into one of less than 13 weeks (August 2-October 30) by postponing the hearing a mere week while allowing an extra month of discovery.

Although the Ruling does allow for an extension for the filing of a statement of issues from August 15 to August 29, this two-week extension is misleading since the August 15 deadline was based upon there being over a six-week period from the end of discovery. Consequently, under the Ruling, the six-week period established in the Order has been whittled down to about four weeks.

The Department of Justice's proposed schedule seeks to compromise between the "stringent" schedule embodied in the Order and the new schedule handed down in the Ruling by setting a five-week period from the end of discovery until the filing of the statement of issues. Thereafter, the Department's proposal maintains the same time periods established in the Order, with the exception of allowing three less days from the time of filing briefs to the hearing's commencement than was allowed in the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD'S RULING ON THE MOTION OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND TO CHANGE PROCEDURAL DATES have been served upon all of the parties listed on the attachment hereto by deposit in the United States mail, first class, airmail or by hand delivery, this 25th day of July 1975.

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