UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of

UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION RENEWAL OF FACILITY LICENSE NO. R-81

Docket No. 50-54

STAFF RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE AS AN INTERESTED STATE BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY OFFICE

The notice of the proposed renewal of the facility license in this docket was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on August 1, 1980 (45 FR 51320), and set September 2, 1980 as the final filing date for petitions requesting a hearing. As of this date no such petitions have been received.

By petition dated August 27, 1980 the Energy Office of the State of New York ("Energy Office"), while explicitly indicating that its petition is not a request for a hearing (Petition at 2), seeks to participate as an interested state under 10 CFR § 2.715(c) in the event a hearing is held in this proceeding. The Staff has no objection to the admission of the Energy Office as a participant pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.715(c) should a hearing be held in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted.

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 15th day of September, 1980

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "STAFF RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE AS AN INTERESTED STATE BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY OFFICE" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, or, as indicated by an asterisk, through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, this 15th day of September, 1980:

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