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1 MS. BRADFORD: It is Contention 7 of the 2 Anti-Nuclear Group Representing York. It is on emergency 3 planning.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: It is a new contention?

MS. BRADFORD: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN SHITH: All right. We will adjourn until 7 about 3:30, I guess, or until we are summoned.

8 MR. TOURTELLOTTE: I might suggest 3:00, and 9 perhaps we can take up ANGRY's matters and then this list, 10 because it seems like this list is long enough that it might 11 take at least 30 minutes.

CHAIREAN SMITH: All right.

(Recess.)

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Having been prodded by the list 15 of issues pending provided before the break, the Eoard is 16 prepared to rule on, as a matter of fact, all of them; and 17 we can get those out of the way.

First, we will deal with ANGRY's motion to adopt 9 Sholly's contentions, emergency planning contentions, the 20 Sholly Contention 9 on radiation monitoring. We grant the 21 motion with respect to Sholly Contention 9.

We deny the motion with respect to the emergency planning contentions except for Sholly Contention 3, Roman numeral B and A Roman numeral I. The reasons for the denial are substantially set forth in Mr. Zahler's memorandum on

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1 the subject. We pointed out in a rather parallel 2 circumstance in the October 3rd emergency planning session 3 when we would not allow Er. Cunningham to reinstate all of 4 his earlier contentions when it was known that some were 5 duplicates, without an analysis and without a direct 6 statement that there was a difference and explaining why.

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7 The motion simply did not contain any 8 justification. It would have placed the burden upon the 9 Board to weed out duplicates. It did not address the 10 factors that should have been addressed. And independently 11 reviewing the contentions, we, on our own initiative, do not 12 believe that they are necessary to a complete record in the 13 proceeding.

So the ruling is you may adopt Sholly Contention 58, Roman numeral B -- I mean 8 -- 8 (I)B and 8 (I)I and 6 Sholly Contention 9.

The Board will rule, for reasons which we will set forth in a memorandum when we have opportunity, that we will not permit the testimony of Dr. Beyea. This is not the ruling. I am just telling you that we will issue a memorandum explaining it.

The reason I am making the statement now is to give the parties as much notice as possible so that for whatever plans had to be made.

25 Dr. Little pointed out to me it might be helpful

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1 if you would refer to the transcript on the October 30 2 session following 4421 for cur statements that -- to Mr. 3 Cunningham about the problems of just trying to reinstate a 4 large group of contentions without analysis and without 5 asserting a need for it. That explains some of cur 6 reasoning on your motion to adopt the large number of Sholly 7 contentions.

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8 Mr. Sholly's withdrawal of Contention 17 is okay 9 with the Board. We are not going to retain any of those --10 that contention. We are ruling that ECNP's motion -- ECNP's 11 motion, which is styled as a response, we are ruling on the 12 motions contained in that. This is "Response of the 13 Environmental Coalition on Euclear Power to Board Memoranda 14 and Orders" of November 25, December 4 and -11, 1990.

First we rule that ECNP is in default with respect to its Contentions 4B and 4C because of a failure to respond to the Board's order to state its intentions with respect to 18 its remaining -- to state its intentions with respect to its 19 remaining contentions.

The Board's order of November 25, 1980, required ECNP to address its intentions with respect to all of its contentions, remaining contentions. ECNP responded with respect to only its emergency planning contentions. So our ruling is that they are in default on those contentions. We have examined those contentions, and we do not believe that

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1 they are necessary to a complete record in this case, so 2 those contentions are dismissed.

We are denying ECNP's request for discovery. because ECNP has not explained the nature of its discovery that it seeks, nor has it explained why the Board-mandated informal discovery meetings were not adequate for its purposes, nor whether they were -- nor why they, as seems to be the case, they did not take full advantage of those discovery opportunities. However, our ruling does not depend upon the later factor.

11 We are denying the motion by ECNP to disqualify 12 this Board because it takes the wrong impression from the 13 statement that they refer to; that when I stated that the 14 Board was not competent to rule on emergency planning 15 contentions, I was not referring to our abilities. I was 16 referring to, in somewhat sloppy and imprecise language, to 17 the problems of having so many contentions and having them 18 at such an early stage that we did not feel it was 19 appropriate for us to get into -- unnecessarily and 20 prematurely -- into the many, many details of emergency 21 planning.

As has been noted by the response of the Licensee 23 to that motion, there is no statutory requirement or 24 regulatory requirement that there be any special expertise 25 in Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceedings for presiding

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I think that disposes of all -- yes. Mr. Basdekas stated in his memorandum of October 10, 1980 to Mr. Tourtellotte, referring to the safety implications of control systems and plant dynamics and their relevance to the TMI-1 hearing, that the issue, although it has been treated as a generic issue, applies directly to TMI-1.

8 We have read his papers, and although we 9 understand the points he is making, we do not know if he 10 means any special application, and we do not know what he 11 means by that statement. And we would like to have him come 12 to the hearing and explain it.

13 The statement is made some place else, too, and at 14 the moment I cannot locate it. But he makes the statement 15 that the views presented by him have application to TMI-1. 16 I just cannot find it, but it is made more than once in the 17 papers he submitted; but it was made at least once in the 18 second full paragraph of his letter to Mr. Tourtellotte of 19 October 10, 1980.

I t. ink that -- oh, "s. Bradford, you served --21 you provided the Board with a copy of your Contention Roman 22 numeral VII. Have you served that?

23 MS. BRADFORD: Yes, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You served it on the other 25 parties?

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