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In its Special Prehearing Conference Order of April 21, 1981, the Licensing Board ruled on the contentions raised by intervenors in the Callaway operating license proceeding. Among other rulings, the Board admitted Joint Intervenors' Contention 2(d) for discovery only, with the admission of the contention in the hearing dependent on Joint Intervenors supplying supplementary information which would provide the basis for the contention. In addition, Joint Intervenors' Contention 2(i), concerning health effects of low level radiation, was denied; however, if Joint Intervenors specifically identified new data on health effects of low level radiation prior to the next prehearing conference, the Board ruled that it would consider a request at that time to amend and admit Contention 2(i).

At the subsequent prehearing conference on October 26, 1981, the Board ruled that while Joint Intervenors technically had met the requirements set forth in its April 21 Order with respect to Joint Intervenors' Contentions 2(d) and 2(i), further justification of the bases for these contentions would be required. See October 26, 1981 Transcript at 163. In its October 29, 1981 Memorandum

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and Order on Prehearing Conference, the Board required that Joint Intervenors file the bases for Contentions 2(d) and 2(i) by November 9, 1981. Other parties have ten days from receipt of service of Joint Intervenors' specified contentions to answer.

Applicant does not seek reconsideration of the Board's October 29 Order. Further, Applicant will make every effort to meet the time schedule provided by the Board for answering Joint Intervenors' averred basis for Contention 2(d), and their description and explanation of "new data" purported y supporting Contention 2(i). We note, however, that the time provided for Applicant's response is short and may be insufficient to permit proper review by Applicant of Joint Intervenors' filing. Should further time be required, Applicant will seek an extension of time for filing its response. This determination, cf course, can be made by Applicant only after it has had an opportunity to examine Joint Intervenors' filing.

Sincerely,

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