

March 10, 1981

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
HOUSTON LIGHTING AND POWER COMPANY)
(Allens Creek Nuclear Generating)
Station, Unit 1))

Docket No. 50-466

NRC STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER
INTERVENOR DOHERTY'S MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDED CONTENTION 21

On February 23, 1981, Intervenor Doherty filed a motion for reconsideration seeking the inclusion of his amended Contention 21, which concerns derating of the reactor, in the upcoming safety hearing. Service to the NRC Staff was accomplished by hand-delivery to Staff counsel at the environmental hearing in Houston, Texas. Staff's answer to this motion would normally be due on March 10, 1981. Since Staff counsel has been engaged in evidentiary hearings in Houston, Texas, from February 23 to March 6, 1981, the NRC Staff has not had adequate time to properly coordinate the review effort needed to respond to this motion.^{1/} Accordingly, the Staff requests an extension of time of two weeks to March 24, 1981, in which to file its answer to Doherty's motion

^{1/} Similarly, the Allens Creek Licensing Project Manager for the NRC Staff has been absent from the office from February 23, 1981, to March 2, 1981, as a result of the Allens Creek hearing.

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for reconsideration. This extension of time will neither delay the safety hearings in this proceeding nor prejudice the rights of any party. In this regard, counsel for the Applicant has advised that it does not oppose this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland,
this 10th day of March, 1981.

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I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER INTERVENOR DOHERTY'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDED CONTENTION 21" 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 by deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission internal mail system, this 10th day of March, 1981:

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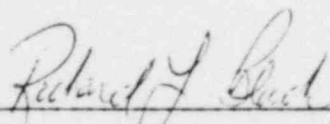
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