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In the Matter of
Louisiana Power and Light Company
(Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3)
Docket No. 50-382

Dear Administrative Judges:

Enclosed are copies of the "Draft Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3," NUREG-0779 (DES) issued by the NRC Staff on May 8, 1981. By separate letter, copies of the DES are being forwarded to the parties in the referenced proceeding.

Pursuant to a stipulation entered by the Joint Intervenors, the Applicant and the Staff and accepted by the Licensing Board in its unpublished Order of September 12, 1979 (Order at p.2), Joint Intervenors may present for consideration by the Board new contentions concerning the long-term safety, health and environmental effects of low-level radiation discharge within 30 days after issuance of the enclosed DES. In addition, pursuant to a stipulated discovery schedule transmitted to the Licensing Board by the Staff on September 25, 1979, discovery requests with respect to new information in the

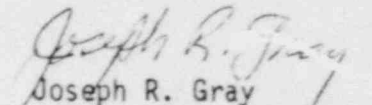
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DES relevant to admitted contentions are to be submitted within 30 days of issuance of the DES.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure: As Stated

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