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Judge John F. Wolf, Chairman
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
3409 Shepherd Street
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Dear Judge Wolf:

I want to bring to your attention a circumstance that may affect the hearing schedule for the Skagit/Hanford Nuclear Project and cause an alteration thereto. This factor is the publication of the joint NRC/EFSEC Final Environmental Impact Statement for the S/HNP.

Our consultant, Mr. Grant Bailey of the URS Company, who is the Project Manager for the development of the FEIS has proposed that the "need for power" section of the FEIS should consider the electrical energy forecast information being developed by the Northwest Power Planning Council and that a discussion of this subject without the NWPPC information would be incomplete.

The Northwest Power Planning Council was created on April 28, 1981, in accordance with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act. The NWPPC is a regional body of eight members, including two members each from the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The NWPPC is required among other tasks to prepare by April 28, 1983, a conservation and electric power plan for the region which is to include a 20-year forecast of electrical energy demand.

As I mentioned earlier Mr. Bailey has proposed that the demand information from the NWPPC forecast should be considered in the S/HNP FEIS. The Applicant, Puget Sound Power and Light, the NRC (through Mr. Jan Norris), and we concur with this recommendation. The earliest we expect to review the NWPPC forecast is the end of January when a draft copy is scheduled for release. Therefore, we (NRC and EFSEC) have jointly agreed to reschedule the publication of the S/HNP FEIS to March 1, 1983, or four weeks after the release of the NWPPC draft forecast.

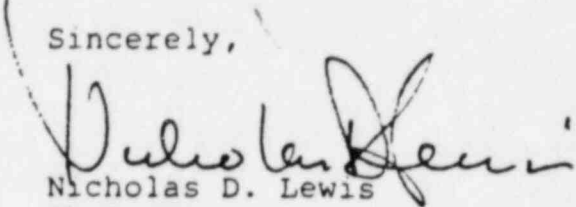
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My primary reason for advising you of this schedule change is because I believe it may impact the start of the safety hearings which will cause a rescheduling of the environmental hearings. Mr. F. Theodore Thomsen, Attorney for the Applicant, has offered to initiate effort on the development of a revised schedule. It would be useful for all concerned to meet sometime soon to review Mr. Thomsen's proposal and to agree to a reasonable and achievable schedule.

Please let me have your comments. My very best regards to Judges Lazo, Lindenberger and Hooper.

Sincerely,



Nicholas D. Lewis
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PUGET SOUND POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, ET AL.
SKAGIT/HANFORD NUCLEAR PROJECT, UNITS 1 and 2
EFSEC Application No. 81-1
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-522 and STN 50-523

APPLICANTS' PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

1. / ASLB - Health & Safety Issues

February 15, 1983 -- Begin hearing

-All health and safety issues

2. EFSEC - State Issues

April 5, 1983 -- Begin hearing

-General overview of project
-Statements by public
-Socio-economic issues
-Allow 1 week

3. EFSEC/ASLB Joint Hearing - First Session

March 1, 1983 -- FES to be issued

April 19, 1983 -- Begin hearing

-All environmental and site suitability issues
except those noted below for the final session
-Allow 1 to 2 weeks

4. EFSEC/ASLB Joint Hearing - Final Session

April 28, 1983 -- Regional Plan to be issued.

May 17, 1983 -- Begin hearing

-Alternative resources and need for power
-Allow 1 to 2 weeks

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