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MEMORANDUM FOR: Elinor G. Adensam, DEEB
FROM: Argil Toalston, AEAB
SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF MIDLAND CP

You have requested our input for the negative declaration statement on the need for power section for the captioned CP extension. We would suggest the following:

"The need for and direct benefits of this plant, as discussed in the Final Environmental Statement published in March of 1972 for the construction permit review was to serve economically the growing electrical load in the area with emphasis on the improvement of electrical system reliability and replacement of fossil fired generation which did not meet air pollution standards. Since preparation of the Final Environmental Statement, the load has grown slower than projected at that time. Thus, the plant delay as requested by the applicant will not have an adverse impact on the electrical system reliability or replacement of fossil fired generation. The need for and benefits of the plant to serve economically the load and to improve system reliability continues as before except that the emphasis of the need has now shifted to reduce production costs rather than to improve reliability."

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