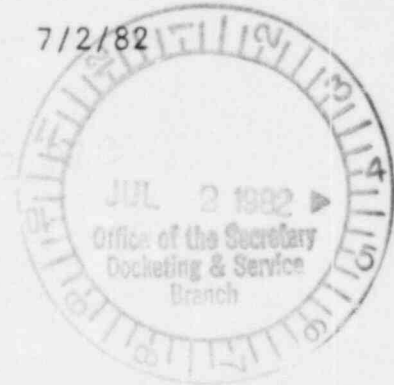


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



In the Matter of)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY)
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION)
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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY)
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(Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant))

Docket No. 50-537

APPLICANTS' NOTIFICATION
AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING HEARING SCHEDULE

The United States Department of Energy and Project Management Corporation, for themselves and on behalf of the Tennessee Valley Authority (the Applicants), hereby file this Notification and Recommendations Concerning Hearing Schedule.

1. On July 1, 1982, the Applicants filed a request with the Commissioners for authorization to conduct site preparation activities pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 50.12. The Board and all parties were served with the request.

2. In the event that the § 50.12 request is granted, the Applicants intend to seek a Limited Work Authorization (LWA)-2 pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 50.10(e)(3). This request would cover the facility foundation base mat and lower containment rings, and would be the subject of a detailed report describing the activities in question. This report will be submitted on or before August 9, 1982.

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3. Applicants note that the Staff's schedule for development of an LWA-2 SER, which was reflected in the Board's February 11, 1982 Prehearing Conference Order, is no longer current after the Commission's March 16, 1982 denial of the Applicants' November 30, 1981 Section 50.12 request and upon further progress by the parties on the LWA-1 hearing schedule. Applicants believe that the Board's February 11, 1982 Prehearing Conference Order, which initially established a schedule for hearings predicated upon an LWA-2 request and SER, can now be readily adapted to enable the LWA-1 hearings to proceed on schedule, and to include a second phase of hearings concerning LWA-2 safety issues. LWA-1 hearings are a prerequisite for LWA-2 findings. Applicants believe that the LWA-1 hearing schedule can and should proceed as scheduled. Upon completion, the parties should then embark upon a schedule for hearings to consider those portions of NRDC's contentions which relate to the LWA-2.

4. The Applicants' proposed schedule is as follows:

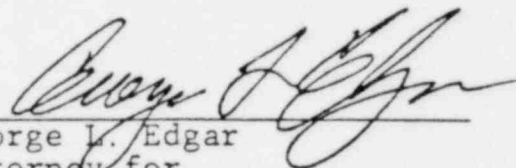
Staff Environmental Update and Site Suitability Report	before 7/9/82
Hearings Start-Environmental and Site Suitability Issues as per Existing Schedule	8/23/82
Discovery on LWA-2 Issues Commences at Close of LWA-1 Hearings	

LWA-1 Proposed Findings, Responses, and Replies Completed 55 days after close of LWA-1 Record	
Staff Safety Evaluation Report-LWA-2 Safety Issues	11/82
Discovery on LWA-2 Issues Completed	1/83
LWA-2 Hearings Start	2/83
LWA-2 Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law Filed 55 Days after Close of LWA-2 Record	
LWA-1 and LWA-2 Partial Initial Decision	8/83

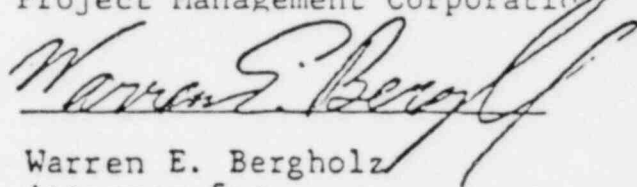
5. In the event that the § 50.12 request is denied, Applicants propose that the above proposed schedule be collapsed by having the partial initial decision rendered on LWA-1 issues. In that event, the schedule for LWA-2 or CP hearings would be re-evaluated and adapted as appropriate to the circumstances existing at that time. Inasmuch as the Commission's decision on the Applicants' recent § 50.12 request should be rendered before completion of the LWA-1 hearings, this approach would assure that no party or the Board would needlessly expend its energies or resources. Applicants submit this notice and recommended schedule in the interest of keeping the Board and all parties fully and currently informed. Applicants believe that this approach will preserve the efforts of all parties in regard to the LWA-1 hearings to date, yet provide an efficient and expeditious pathway to an LWA-2 decision.

The Applicants will continue to keep the Board and all parties advised as to further developments affecting the schedule.

Respectfully submitted,



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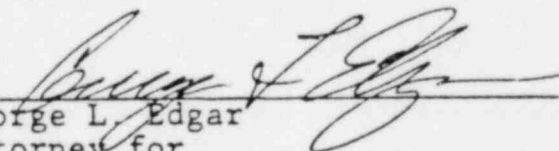
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