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In the Matter of
Portland General Electric Company, et al.
(Trojan Nuclear Plant)
Docket No. 50-344
(Control Building)



Gentlemen:

In my letter of September 26, 1978, I indicated that the Staff would inform the Licensing Board no later than September 29 as to whether the Staff would be in a position to file its testimony on the matter of interim operation of the Trojan facility prior to October 13, 1978.

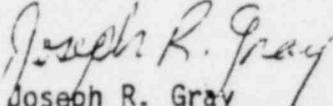
Although the Licensee has been cooperative in responding to orally communicated Staff questions with regard to the information on the finite element analysis transmitted to the Board and parties on September 21, 1978, the Staff, based on its ongoing review and assessment of this new information, is unable to commit to file its testimony before October 13.

Despite our inability to file testimony before October 13, the Staff continues to be of the view that commencement of the hearing on October 18, 1978, as proposed in the Licensee's letter of September 25, 1978, is reasonable. Mr. Kafoury, counsel for the Columbia Environmental Council, indicated in a telephone conversation during the week of September 18 that he would be participating in a civil trial beginning on October 30, 1978 and, thus, would apparently be unavailable for NRC hearings during the week of October 30. Due to previous commitments, Staff counsel must be on the East Coast from the evening of November 3 through November 5, 1978. Consequently, scheduling conflicts may arise if hearing dates are such that the hearing on interim operation is in session in late October and early November. The Staff, therefore, urges that the Licensing

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Board set the date for commencement of the hearing on interim operation as October 18, 1978 or, at the latest, as October 23, 1978.

Sincerely,


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