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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 letters dated September 26, 1978 and September 29, 1978, the NRC Staff indicated that, based on its review up to that time of the reports and new information submitted by the Licensee and on the assumption that additional Staff questions would be answered quickly, the Staff would be in a position to file its testimony on the matter of interim operation of the Trojan facility on October 13, 1978.

Pursuant to its review of the reports and information submitted by the Licensee on September 21, 1978, the Staff has transmitted to the Licensee 30 questions and/or requests for additional information with regard to the supplemental reanalysis of the Control Building structure. In a letter dated October 4, 1978, the Licensee submitted responses to three of the Staff's questions. Written responses to most of the remaining questions were received on October 6, 1978 and on the weekend of October 7 and 8 and responses to the remaining questions are to be submitted by October 10, 1978. Although the Licensee has been cooperative in attempting to respond to Staff questions in an expedited manner, the Staff finds that, because of the extent of its evaluation of the new information and the number of additional questions that were necessary and because of the fact that complete answers to all of the Staff's questions will not be received before the week of October 9, 1978, it will take three additional days for the Staff to file that testimony directly addressing in detail the reevaluation of the Control Building structure based on the finite element analysis.

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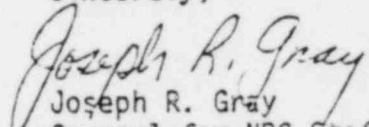
On Friday, October 13, 1978, the Staff will file:

- (1) testimony of Robert Dodds with regard to the Licensing Board's question on inspection procedures after the occurrence of an earthquake resulting in ground accelerations exceeding the "OBE" level.
- (2) testimony of James Knight with regard to the Licensing Board's question on the effects of the Control Building's reduced seismic capability on the features important to maintaining the safety of the plant.
- (3) testimony of Kenneth Herring with regard to the structural capacity of the Control Building based on analyses and evaluations other than that related to the new three-dimensional finite element analysis.

On Monday, October 16, 1978, the Staff will file its remaining testimony - that of Kenneth Herring on the three-dimensional finite element analysis and the Staff's evaluation of the structural capacity of the Control Building in light of that new analysis. The Staff testimony, both that to be filed on October 13 and that to be filed on October 16, will not be mailed but will be delivered to the Licensing Board and parties by special courier so as to assure that all Staff testimony will be received no later than the day after it is filed.

We regret that an additional three days will be required for completion of the Staff's testimony. However, this delay results from the extensive evaluation of the new information which the Staff believes is necessary to assure that its testimony is complete and soundly based. Again, the Staff would note that the bulk of the Staff's testimony will be filed on October 13, 1978 and that all Staff testimony will be served on an expedited basis so that mailing delays will be avoided. In view of this and of the fact that Staff witnesses will, in all likelihood, not be called upon to testify until near the end of the week of October 23, there should be more than ample time for review of the Staff's testimony.

Sincerely,

  
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