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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

In the Matter of)	
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LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY)	Docket No. 50-322
)	
(Shoreham Nuclear Power Station,)	
Unit 1))	

FURTHER LILCO SUPPLEMENT TO THE RECENT
STATUS REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND STAFF

The Suffolk County Legislature rejected yesterday the Sixth Stipulation and Settlement that had been negotiated in great detail, and at great length, by representatives of the County, LILCO and the NRC Staff.

It has become even more crucial than before, accordingly, that the Board set a schedule for the rest of this proceeding, beginning with a deadline for particularizing contentions. Their particularization has been underway literally for years.

At the risk of becoming grimly monotonous on the subject, LILCO feels compelled to stress, once again, the protracted nature of nuclear proceedings on Long Island. It took 31 months to move from the first day of Shoreham's CP hearings to the day on which the ASLB decision was issued. Similarly, it took 21 months to go from the first day of Jamesport's CP hearings to the issuance of a partial initial decision. The rest of the ASLB decision followed

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seven months later, that is, 28 months after the first day of hearings. We have yet to reach the first day of hearings in this case. We continue to lack even a schedule for reaching the first day. Twenty-eight to 31 months from that day (assuming it is reached next spring) comes in the fall of 1984 -- roughly two years after Shoreham is scheduled to be physically complete.

In light of yesterday's action by the Suffolk County Legislature, the history of nuclear proceedings on Long Island, and the advanced state of Shoreham's construction, LILCO believes it imperative that the Board "expedite the hearing process by using those managements methods . . . contained in Part 2 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations." Statement of Policy on Conduct of Licensing Proceedings, CLI-8-8, 13 NRC 452, 453 (1981). To quote the Commission's Statement of Policy more fully:

Although staff review of pending license applications was delayed during this [TMI] period, utilities which had received construction permits continued to build the authorized plants. The staff is now expediting its review of the applications and an unprecedented number of hearings are scheduled in the next 24 months. Many of these proceedings concern applications for operating licenses. If these proceedings are not concluded prior to the completion of construction, the cost of such delay could reach billions of dollars. The Commission will seek to avoid or reduce such delays whenever measures are available that do not compromise the Commission's fundamental commitment to a fair and thorough hearing process.

Therefore, the Commission is issuing this policy statement on the need for the balanced and efficient conduct of all phases of the hearing process. The Commission appreciates the many difficulties faced by its boards in conducting these contentious and complex proceedings. By and large, the boards have performed very well. This document is intended to

deal with problems not primarily of the boards' own making. However, the boards will play an important role in resolving such difficulties.

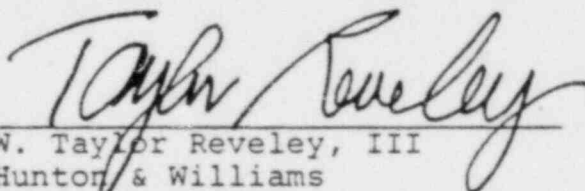
Individual adjudicatory boards are encouraged to expedite the hearing process by using those management methods already contained in Part 2 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. The Commission wishes to emphasize though that, in expediting the hearings, the board should ensure that the hearings are fair, and produce a record which leads to high quality decisions that adequately protect the public health and safety and the environment.

Virtually all of the procedural decisions discussed in this Statement are currently being employed by sitting boards to varying degrees. The Commission's reemphasis of the use of such tools is intended to reduce the time for completing licensing proceedings.

Id.

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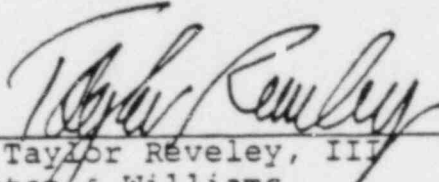
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