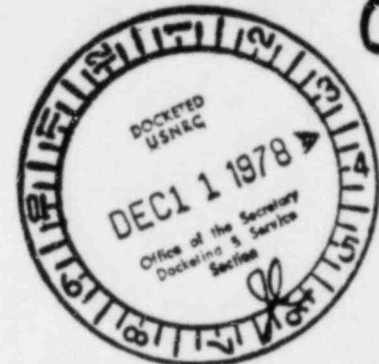


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



In the Matter of)
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(Zero Power Reactor))

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12/4/78

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE
AS AN INTERESTED STATE BY THE
NEW YORK STATE ENERGY OFFICE

1. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) caused to be published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, November 7, 1978 (Vol. 43, No. 216, p. 51882) a document dated October 27, 1978 entitled, "Proposed Renewal of Facility License Opportunity for Hearing for Cornell University's Zero Power Reactor".

2. The published notice involves the application of Cornell University to renew the facility license for operation of the Zero Power Reactor through November 21, 1998.

3. The interest of the State of New York in health, safety and environment of its people requires that all matters pertaining to the safety and environmental impact of the proposed license renewal be thoroughly considered.

4. Under Section 7-101 of the Energy Law and Section 104 of the Commerce Law of the State of New York, the State Energy Office is given the responsibility for coordinating regulatory programs of State agencies and instrumentalities which affect atomic energy activities in New York, for developing a coordinated position among State agencies with respect

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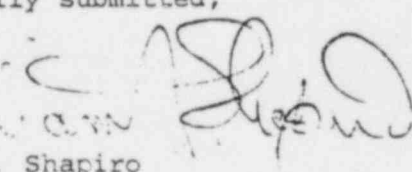
to Federal regulatory matters and for coordinating the participation of the agencies and instrumentalities of the State in the regulatory process of the Federal Government where such Federal process affects atomic energy activities in the State.

5. Pursuant to Section 2.715(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and in accordance with the provisions of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Renewal of Facility License Opportunity for Hearing for Cornell University's Zero Power Reactor dated October 27, 1978, the State of New York, acting by and through its Energy Office, hereby petitions to participate in the noticed proceeding as an interested State in the event a hearing is held on the subject application. This petition is not a request for a hearing.

6. The name and address of the person upon whom service in these proceedings may be made is:

William A. Shapiro
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Respectfully submitted,


William A. Shapiro
Counsel
New York State Energy Office

DATED: December 4, 1978
Albany, New York

Sworn to before me this

4th day of December, 1978

Elvia M. Marioni

Notary Public for the State of New York
My Commission Expires March 30, 1979

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "Petition for Leave to Participate as an Interested State by the New York State Energy Office", dated December 4, 1978, in the above captioned matter, has been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class or air mail, this 4th day of December, 1978:

Howard K. Shapar, Esq.
Executive Legal Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

~~SA [REDACTED]~~ Secretary to
the Commission
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