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The Commissioners

From:

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Subject:

INDIAN POINT SPECIAL PROCEEDING -- SOLICITATION OF COMMENT FROM THE PARTIES ON LICENSING BOARD FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Purpose:

Discussion:

<sup>1</sup>A brief description of the background of this proceeding may be helpful. The adjudication derives ultimately from a petition filed by the Union of Concerned Scientists in September, 1979, asking for the decommissioning of Indian Point Unit 1 and the shutdown of Units 2 and 3. On February 11, 1980, the Director, NRR, granted the petition in part and denied it in part. 11 NRC 351. The Commission neither affirmed nor set aside the Director's decision. Instead, it announced on May 30, 1980, that it would hold a discretionary adjudication, to be conducted by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. The Commission's order stated that the Boar1 would make findings and recommendations only; the actual decision would be made by the Commission itself.

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The order further provided that before the adjudication began, an "informal proceeding" would be held to decide the questions to be addressed, and the criteria to be applied, in the adjudication. After receiving written comments, the Commission issued an order on January 8, 1981, giving its instructions to the Board. 13 NRC 1. The questions were later amended by order of September 18, 1981. 14 NRC 610.

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Attachment: Draft order

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