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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD OFFICE OF SECRETARY DOCKETING & SERVICE

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In the Matter of	
THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY) Docket No. 50-440-OLA-3
) (Material Withdrawal Schedule)
(Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1))

NRC STAFF'S ANSWER TO LICENSEES' CROSS MOTION FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION

On March 21, 1994, the Licensees for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant submitted a "Cross Motion for Summary Disposition" ("Motion"),1 in which they requested that the Licensing Board resolve the Intervenors' sole contention in Licensees' favor (Motion at 1), and responded to the Intervenors' prior filing of a motion for summary disposition.2

¹ "Licensees' Cross Motion for Summary Disposition and Answer to Ohio Citizens for Responsible Energy, Inc. and Susan L. Hiatt Motion for Summary Disposition," dated March 21, 1994.

² See "Motion for Summary Disposition," dated February 7, 1994. The Staff filed its response to Intervenors' Motion prior to the filing of Licensees' Cross Motion. See "NRC Staff Response to Intervenors' Motion for Summary Disposition," dated March 7, 1994.

For the reasons set forth in the Licensees' Motion and in the "NRC Staff Response to Intervenors' Motion for Summary Disposition" ("Staff Response") dated March 7, 1994,3 the NRC Staff supports the Licensees' Motion and recommends that it be granted.4

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 11th day of April, 1994

The Staff notes that the Licensees' Motion is generally consistent with the positions expressed in the Staff's response. To the extent there may be any minor inconsistencies between the Staff's and Licensees' positions, the Staff relies upon the positions expressed in the Staff's Response. Compare Licensees' Cross Motion at 12 and n.4 with Staff Response at 21-23; and compare Licensees' Cross Motion at 16 with Staff Response at 27 n.33.

⁴ On April 5, 1994, the Intervenors filed "Intervenors' Answer to NRC Staff Response to Intervenors' Motion for Summary Disposition and Licensees' Cross Motion for Summary Disposition." Therein, inter alia, they "urge the Licensing Board to reject" the Staff's Response of March 7, 1994, on the grounds that the Staff did not attach a "Statement of Material Facts As to Which There Is a Genuine Issue to Be Heard." Id. at 2. Although the Board's scheduling Orders and 10 C.F.R. § 2.749 do not provide an opportunity to respond to Intervenors' Answer, the Staff notes that the Intervenors' argument is in the nature of a motion to strike, to which a response would be permitted. Accordingly, the Staff responds by noting that Intervenors' argument is without merit, in that (1) by Intervenors' own admission, their contention raises only an issue of law, and accordingly there are no fact issues to be heard in this proceeding, and (2) in any event, the Staff has already indicated it does not oppose Intervenors' "Statement of Material Facts" to the extent that their Statement makes factual assertions in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3; rather, the Staff opposes Paragraphs 4 and 5 of their Statement, on legal grounds, in that those paragraphs make legal rather than factual assertions. See Staff Response at 5 n.12.

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