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6	In the Matter of:
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7	(Shoreham Nuclear Power Station) :
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9	Bethesda, Maryland
10	Wednesday, December 8, 1982
11	The hearing in the above-entitled matter
12	convened, pursuant to recess, at 9:00 a.m.
13	BEFORE:
14	LAWRENCE BRENNER, Chairman
15	Administrative Judge
	JAMES CARPENTER, Member
16	Administrative Judge
17	PETER A. MORRIS, Member
18	Administrative Judge
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- JUDGE BRENNER: We are ready to begin. Are
- 3 there any preliminary matters before we continue the
- 4 examination?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 JUDGE BRENNER: Hearing none, we can go on to
- 7 the examination. Do you want to orient me in the cross
- 8 plan?
- 9 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir. We are still on Roman
- 10 III.
- 11 JUDGE BRENNER: Roman IV, you mean?
- 12 MR. ELLIS: Roman IV. I am sorry.
- 13 Whereupon,
- 14 RICHARD B. HUBBARD,
- 15 the witness on the stand at the time of recess, having
- 16 been previously duly sworn, was further examined and
- 17 testified as follows:
- 18 CROSS EXAMINATION -- Resumed
- 19 BY MR. ELLIS:
- 20 Q Good morning, Mr. Hubbard.
- 21 Oh, and Judge Brenner, let me say that we did
- 22 make some judgments, an I will be making additional
- 23 ones this morning on how matters go, and I
- 24 should be able to give you a better prognosis later
- 25 today.

- 1 Mr. Hubbard, when we recessed yesterday we
- 2 were focusing on page 21, and in particular which
- 3 involved discrepancies between flow diagrams and
- 4 existing piping and hardware. And we had discussed the
- 5 omission of the word "minor," and we were focusing on
- 6 (d). which is a reference location on a drawing for a
- 7 drain.
- 8 To expedite matters, Mr. Hubbard, would it be
- 9 fair to say that you have conducted no engineering or
- 10 technical assessment or reviewed any of the flow
- 11 diagrams that are listed on page 21?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. And those
- 13 diagrams are not available.
- 14 Q Now, yesterday in response to questions by
- 15 Judge Carpenter, you said that you would not want
- 16 auditors to make judgments concerning whether findings
- 17 were major or minor. It would be fair to say, though,
- 18 that the significance of a finding would be important
- 19 for a QA Manager to know in order to make decisions
- 20 concerning the effectiveness of the program, wouldn't it?
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, I did not say an
- auditor shouldn't be making decisions. I said an
- 23 inspector shouldn't be making decisions. Or if I did
- 24 say "auditor," I misspoke. I believe, though, I used
- 25 the word "inspector."

- 1 Q All right, sir.
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The QA Manager should be
- 3 making decisions on significance; likewise, quality
- 4 engineers can make decisions on significance in advance
- 5 of doing inspections by doing a thing like
- 6 classification and characteristics that I discussed with
- 7 Judge Carpenter, by structuring the program to give
- 8 additional inspection or additional verifications in the
- 9 areas that are deemed to be most important.
- 10 Q Well, my question, though, is, it's fair to
- 11 say that as a QA Manager you would certainly want to
- 12 know the significance of a finding in the scheme of
- 13 things in order to determine what it meant with respect
- 14 to the effectiveness of the program and to make QA
- 15 management decisions. Isn't that right?
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 17 Q And in that connection you would want to know,
- 18 wouldn't you, such matters as the purposes flow diagrams
- 19 are useá for and what particular discrepancies meant in
- 20 terms of whether or not the plant was being constructed
- 21 in accordance with the construction drawings and
- 22 documents?
- 23 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Is that the question, Mr.
- 24 Ellis?
- 25 Q Yes, sir.

- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, those would be some of
- 2 the things that a QA Manager would be interested in.
- 3 Q Well, you are aware, aren't you, Mr. Hubbard,
- 4 that the actual plant construction is not inspected
- 5 against flow diagrams but against construction drawings;
- 6 isn't that right?
- 7 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know that to be a
- 8 fact.
- 9 O In light of your testimony that you do not
- 10 have any experience in the actual site construction of a
- 11 nuclear power plant, would it also be fair to say that
- 12 you are not familiar with the manner in which flow
- 13 diagrams are used at the construction site and the
- 14 practice with which the practice followed for updating
- 15 them?
- 16 MR. LANPHER: I object to the characterization
- 17 of his earlier testimony.
- JUDGE BRENNER: It is not as simple as that.
- 19 Mr. Ellis. Why don't you just ask the question without
- 20 the characterization?
- 21 Or, Mr. Hubbard, if you know the question, why
- 22 don't you answer it disregarding the characterization?
- 23 MR. ELLIS: Judge Brenner, the reason I put
- 24 "site" in there -- but I understand that --
- 25 JUDGE BRENNER: I am not reaching a decision

- 1 as to whether you are correct or incorrect. My sole
- 2 comment was it is not as simple as that, and since it is
- 3 not necessary to get the answer, you can just move right
- 4 into it.
- 5 MR. ELLIS: I agree, Judge Brenner.
- 6 JUDGE BRENNER: You can each still argue in
- 7 your findings what the situation is as to that
- 8 characterization.
- 9 Can you answer the question, or do you need it
- 10 repeated? Do you know what the flow diagrams are used
- 11 for in constructing the plant is the gist of the
- 12 question.
- 13 WITNESS HUBBARD: I do not know exactly how
- 14 the flow diagrams have been used in the inspection
- 15 process. However, if there are drawings that are used
- 18 from construction that are take-offs from the flow
- 17 diagrams, because there is always a hierarchy of
- 18 drawings in any scheme, the point is that the hierarchy
- 19 of drawings should be in agreement.
- 20 And in this case, the IE inspector found that
- 21 the as-builts were different than the information on the
- 22 flow diagrams. So there was a breakdown in the control
- 23 in the hierarchy of drawings.
- 24 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 25 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)

- Q First of all, Mr. Hubbard, you said there was
- 2 a difference between flow diagrams and -- what was your
- 3 answer? I am sorry. The CAT inspector found a
- 4 difference between the flow diagrams and the
- 5 construction drawings; is that what you said?
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, Mr. Ellis. I talked
- 7 about a hierarchy of drawings like a Christmas tree --
- 8 that is often what it is called -- and that the
- 9 inspector looking at the as-built condition of the plant
- 10 found a difference between that and the information
- 11 contained on the flow diagrams.
- 12 Q Well, at least with respect to (d), wouldn't
- 13 you agree that that is not what he found, but rather all
- 14 he found was a mistake in where you look on a flow
- 15 diagram to find a particular drain and not that the
- 16 drains were not in the flow diagram as they were in the
- 17 constructed plant?
- 18 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That appears to be the
- 19 case, Mr. Ellis.
- 20 0 So at least for that one, what you say isn't
- 21 true?
- 22 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That appears to be true
- 23 from the reading of the words that are in the CAT
- 24 inspection. I would want to ask the IEE inspector why
- 25 he identified it as a discrepancy between the as-built

- 1 and the drawings. That is the category he put it. So
- 2 maybe there is something that doesn't meet the eye. As
- 3 a matter of fact, Mr. Ellis, that is actually in the
- 4 report two different places.
- 5 Q It is also in your testimony in two different
- 6 places, isn't it?
- 7 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is possible.
- 8 Q Well, let's confirm it since we are on it.
- 9 Look, i you would, please, at pages, page 34, breakdowns
- 10 34 and 35, and confirm for me, if you would, please,
- 11 that those are the same as your alleged breakdowns 10
- 12 and 11 on page 21?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is a question I had,
- 14 Mr. Ellis, that I noticed that those two which are shown
- 15 on page 4-32, page 4-32 at the bottom, bear the same
- 16 words as those shown back on the previous page. But in
- 17 this case, they are instead of being cited to the RHR
- 18 system, they are cited to the closed-loop cooling water
- 19 system. And I have a question in my mind of why the
- 20 person listed it twice.
- 21 Q Well, did you have that question in your mind
- 22 when you wrote your testimony?
- 23 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I didn't when I wrote
- 24 the testimony; but when I was reviewing it, I looked
- 25 through and noticed that this bore a lot of resemblance

- 1 and I was trying to figure out why he had it in twice.
- 2 You have confirmed, haven't you, that the
- 3 references on 34, the alleged breakdowns 34 and 35, are
- 4 the same as --
- 5 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) (c) and (d)
- 6 Q (c) and (d).
- 7 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) They surely appear to be,
- 8 except (c) and (d) are listed against the RHR where (a)
- 9 and (b) on page 34 of my testimony are against the
- 10 RBCLCW.
- 11 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 12 Q So your understanding is that everything that
- 13 is listed on page 21 on your alleged breakdowns (a)
- 14 through (h) are all of the RHR system?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I was trying to understand
- 16 that myself, Mr. Ellis, and where it talks about
- 17 inspection findings on page 4-16, it talks about these
- 18 are inspection findings as related to the RHR system
- 19 piping and appurtenances. And then later on the ones
- 20 that are listed on page 4-32, there it starts section
- 21 4.2, the general sections. The subject of that section
- 22 is the reactor building closed-loop cooling water
- 23 system. And there is the reference again on page 4-33
- 24 back to the finding 8204-02 that was listed earlier.
- 25 Q Well, I understand what the CAT inspector said

- 1 on page 4-7 -- no, 4-16; namely, that the scope was RHR
- 2 system piping and appurtenances. But what I am asking
- 3 you is whether it is your understanding that what you
- 4 have listed on alleged breakdowns 8 through 15 on page
- 5 21 are strictly limited to the RHR system.
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I did not analyze that, Mr.
- 7 Ellis. And to me that wasn't what was really important
- 8 anyhow. The importance was not of what system but of
- 9 the disagreement between the as-built plant and the
- 10 drawings.
- 11 Q But earlier in your testimony you said that it
- 12 was just one system that was looked at, and a narrow
- 13 slice of it. Wouldn't you think it would be important
- 14 to have in mind what that slice was?
- 15 MR. LANPHER: I object to the question. That
- 16 is again a mischaracterization of what he said earlier.
- 17 JUDGE BRENNER: I will let the witness
- 18 straighten it out this time because it sounds pretty
- 19 close to me to what he said earlier. So we will let him
- 20 straighten it out as a part of his answer, and you can
- 21 come back on redirect. But I think it is a fair
- 22 question.
- 23 WITNESS HUBBARD: I think the CAT inspection
- 24 is pretty clear. It looked at the RHR system and it
- 25 looked at some of the systems that support the RHR

- 1 system. And it also is clear that it was a sample. I
- 2 mean it didn't look at all of it.
- BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 4 Q Well, we started down this line of questioning
- 5 originally, Mr. Hubbard, because of the mention twice of
- 6 the same or of what you say appear to be the same
- 7 matters. And you said you thought that one reference
- 8 you had a question about because one of the references
- 9 was the RHR system and the other was the RBCLCW system.
- 10 And then I asked you, you said you had not made any
- 11 analysis of whether the breakdowns (a) through (h) were
- 12 all in the RHR system.
- 13 Are you familiar with the numbering system for
- 14 the Shoreham flow diagrams to know whether the numbers
- 15 that are indicated on breakdowns (a) through (h) refer
- 16 to specific systems?
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I am not, Mr. Ellis. I am
- 18 familiar with the GE system of E-11s and G-11s and
- 19 E-41s, up to that level, but not these FM numbers.
- 20 Q Well, you will agree with me, though, so that
- 21 we can be clear about whether this listing is restricted
- 22 to RHR, that at least with respect to (f) on page 21
- 23 referring to bird screens on crankcase vents, that there
- 24 aren't any crankcase vents in the RHR system? If you
- 25 know.

- (Pause.)
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I think that was with
- 3 reference to the supporting systems for the RHR that at
- 4 the table of contents at 4-11 it talks about five
- 5 different systems that are supporting systems for the
- 6 RHR, and I think the bird screen, what has to do with
- 7 the emergency diesel generators.
- 8 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 9 Q Well, Mr. Hubbard, you could have told from
- 10 looking at pages 4-46 through 4-51 whether a particular
- 11 listing that he gave for findings or observations, you
- 12 could have told whether FM-15A-12 was in the RHR system
- 13 or some other system?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That appears to be correct.
- 15 Q And you could have told then by looking at
- 16 that when this question arose after you had done your
- 17 prefiled testimony whether (c) and (d) were in the
- 18 RBCLCW system or in the RHR system; isn't that correct?
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Not necessarily, Mr.
- 20 Ellis. Sometimes one diagram might have components for
- 21 two particular systems on it. That might not be the
- 22 normal practice, but it does happen.
- 23 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 24 Q Well, you say sometimes that could be the
- 25 case. You don't know that for a fact with respect to

- 1 Shoreham, though, do you, sir?
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. I don't.
- 3 Q Now, would it be a fair summary of your
- 4 testimony with respect to the (c) and (d) on page 21
- 5 that after you prepared your prefiled testimony, a
- 6 question arose in your mind as to whether (a) and (b)
- 7 and (c) and (d) -- (a) and (b) on page 34 and (c) and
- 8 (d) on page 21 -- were the same thing, though you
- 9 recognized at that time that it was the same words, but
- 10 you still have a question as to whether it is the same
- 11 or not; is that correct?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, Mr. Ellis. And I got
- 13 the CAT inspection about 1 week before I turned in the
- 14 testimony; that in spite of the fact that it is dated in
- 15 May, that there was a normal 20-day holdup. So I would
- 16 like to have had more time to look it over. So that
- 17 appears to be an error I made.
- 18 Q Mr. Hubbard, with respect to the alleged
- 19 breakdowns 8 through 15 on page 21 you state that they
- 20 are contrary to the requirements of Criteria 10 and 11,
- 21 11 relating to test control. Criterion 11, do you have
- 22 that in front of you? First, Mr. Hubbard, you would
- 23 agree with me, wouldn't you, that the NRC did not find
- 24 that these were contrary to the requirements of Criteria
- 25 10 and 11 of Appendix B. Isn't that right?

- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. They were
- 2 identified as unresolved issues.
- 3 Q All right. With respect to 11, do you have
- 4 that now, sir?
- 5 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, I do.
- 6 Q The first sentence of 11 refers to the
- 7 establishment of a test program to assure that all
- 8 testing to demonstrate the structures, systems, and
- 9 components will perform satisfactory service. There is
- 10 nothing in the NRC's CAT inspection report that
- 11 indicates that the test program that is referred to
- 12 there had not been established, is there?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) There is nothing to refer
- 14 that it either had been established or hadn't been
- 15 established.
- 16 Q And the same would be true, would it not, for
- 17 the remaining sentences of Criterion 11, test control:
- 18 isn't that correct?
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 20 And isn't it fair to say that you do not know
- 21 Whether tests under Criterion 11 had been performed on
- 22 the RHR and related systems at the time of the
- 23 inspection?
- 24 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct.
- 25 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)

- 1 Q Mr. Hubbard, isn't it fair to say that a test
- 2 program under Criterion 11, even though it fully met
- 3 Criterion 11 and was fully effective, is not a test
- 4 program that would be designed to detect, for example,
- 5 whether bird screens were present on a crankcase vent?
 - A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Not necessarily, Mr.

Ellis. I grouped 10 and 11 together so I wouldn't get

- 8 into a matter of quibbling on whether a comparison of
- 9 the as-built plant to the drawings is really more
- 10 appropriate to Criterion 10 or Criterion 11 activity,
- 11 the combination of inspection and testing that is done.
- 12 And one can make some decisions on where one puts the
- 13 reliance on either inspection or test having to do with
- 14 timing.
- 15 But combined 10 and 11 are intended to
- 16 demonstrate that the plant is built to the drawings.
- 17 Q But we have already -- well, strike that.
- 18 You will agree with me, won't you, Mr.
- 19 Hubbard, that the drawings actually used to construct
- 20 the plant ce the construction drawings, not the flow
- 21 diagrams; isn't that right?
- MR. LANPHER: I object. That has been asked
- 23 already.
- 24 JUDGE BRENNER: Sustained.
- 25 MR. ELLIS: Well, Judge Brenner, the reason I

- 1 did that is because of his answer.
- 2 JUDGE BRENNER: I know what his previous
- 3 answer is. He doesn't know. And that is the finding I
- 4 am going to accept. If we go back over every question,
- 5 we will be here twice as long. And even though it was
- 6 10 minutes ago, we can juxtapose. It wasn't so long ago
- 7 that we don't remember it for foundation either.
- 8 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 9 O Mr. Hubbard, you said you grouped these under
- 10 10 and 11. Does that mean that 10 applies to some and
- 11 not to others and that 11 applies to some and not to
- 12 others?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Not necessarily, Mr.
- 14 Ellis. What I meant is that the people, the quality
- 15 engineer planning the inspection and test program can
- 16 decide to find things in inspections which would
- 17 normally precede tests or they could decide to just go
- 18 -- to not put as much emphasis on that and go to the
- 19 testing program and find certain things there.
- 20 So within the planning function one makes a
- 21 decision of how much emphasis to have on tests and how
- 22 much on inspections. From just a preliminary look here,
- 23 I would expect most of the items (a) to (h) to be found
- 24 during an inspection function more than a test function.
- 25 Q Well, is it your testimony that the Criterion

- 1 11 then is applicable to, for example, your alleged
- 2 breakdown (f) on page 21?
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I would have expected (f)
- 4 to be found as part of an inspection program. One would
- 5 verify that the plant was built according to the
- 6 applicable drawings.
- 7 Q Andb I take it from your answer that you would
- 8 not -- you would agree that 11 is not applicable to (f);
- 9 namely, no test is designed to find out whether you have
- 10 got screens on a crankcase?
- 11 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) It is not immediately
- 12 obvious to me that that would be found in a test.
- 13 Q So you haven't gone through here rigorously
- 14 and made a decision as to which, when you cited more
- 15 than one criteria, whether some of the criteria may be
- 16 inapplicable to a group even though that criteria is
- 17 cited with respect to that group?
- 18 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, Criteria 10 and
- 19 11, as I said before, talked about inspection and
- 20 testing. For example, item (2).
- JUDGE BRENNER: Mr. Hubbard, excuse me. I
- 22 think you can answer the question a little more
- 23 directly, I really do. It's not that complicated a
- 24 question.
- 25 WITNESS HUBBARD: Let me try.

- JUDGE BRENNER: He wants to know if you
- 2 determine that 10 and 11 apply to each and every one of
- 3 those in the list or whether you just believe that it
- 4 would be fair to cite them for the group.
- 5 WITNESS HUBBARD: I was going to say that item
- 6 (a) looked to me like one that could be found by either
- 7 the activities performed under 10 or under Criteria 11.
- 8 JUDGE BRENNER: I don't want you to run down
- 9 the list. The question is very simple, and we are going
- 10 to be here too long as a result of these questions and
- 11 answers. And the reason I cut you off is you were about
- 12 to give an answer that you had already given, I
- 13 believe. You were going to explain why you cited 10 and
- 14 11, and I already have that answer. In fact, I have got
- 15 it about two or three times in the last 10 minutes.
- 16 He wants to know if you determined as to each
- 17 and every one of those. And don't do it now unless he
- 18 asks you. Just the general question, did you determine
- 19 as to each of those (a) through (h) that Criteria 10 and
- 20 11 apply? And he wants to know your reasons. And if he
- 21 wants to know your reasons behind that, he can explore
- 22 those.
- 23 WITNESS HUBBARD: I believe 10 or 11 does
- 24 apply, and in some cases both apply.
- 25 JUDGE BRENNER: Okay. Now, let me tell both

- 1 of you both the questioner and the responder, this has
- 2 degenerated into too much of a conversation. It is an
- 3 interrogation at a hearing, and I want a snappy question
- 4 and I want a snappy answer. You are just too relaxed in
- 5 terms of conversational artifices both in the question
- 6 and in the answers. Direct question and direct answer.
- 7 MR. ELLIS: Judge Brenner, I have a specific
- 8 reason for having asked this question, which I am going
- 9 to come to.
- 10 JUDGE BRENNER: I am not objecting to the
- 11 question or any individual question. It is the
- 12 approach: You feel you have to summarize all of where
- 13 you have been in order to ask the next question. And
- 14 that is not necessary. The record is still fresh in our
- 15 minds, and sometimes when you summarize it, you are
- 16 going to run into problems with inaccuracies. That is
- 17 what the findings are about afterwards.
- 18 You cannot cumulatively build your findings
- 19 expressly in each and every question without taking too
- 20 long to some extent. That is a valuable process, but to
- 21 some extent, as long as you have responded, I will
- 22 respond back. You are asking one, two, or three
- 23 questions too many in terms of trying to get the
- 24 ultimate findings. You can write your findings as to
- 25 what you think his apparent contradiction is.

- It's only in Perry Mason where the other side
- 2 falls down and says, I've been wrong all my life and
- 3 you've been right, and I confess. And it's very helpful
- 4 when you get some sort of concession in the answer.
- 5 There's no doubt about it. But when you don't get it
- 6 the first time, to come back at it and say, how can you
- 7 answer that given all of the other answers you gave me,
- 8 is not highly likely to promote efficiency, in my
- 9 opinion, both from what I have seen here and in other
- 10 hearings.
- 11 Now, if you want to take a shot, you can ask
- 12 that question once, but when you don't get the answer
- 13 you think any reasonable person would give you, it
- 14 doesn't help, as I said, to go back and say, how can you
- 15 say that given everything else you've told me? You can
- 16 do that in the findings, saying the witness testified
- 17 this, yet to all of my other questions he said all of
- 18 these other things, and therefore we shoulin't regard
- 19 what he said.
- 20 MR. ELLIS: Thank you. I understand that.
- 21 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 22 Q Mr. Hubbard --
- JUDGE BRENNER: Let me add for the record,
- 24 since the cold record won't show this, you are both
- 25 being very courteous to each other. And that is

- 1 appreciated. And that, I think, is a part of the reason
- 2 that we have more words in the questions and answers in
- 3 this effort on the part of both of you to try to be
- 4 fair. That is nice, but that is what I meant by getting
- 5 too conversational. You can be pleasant but still be
- 8 efficient.
- 7 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 8 Q Mr. Hubbard, you indicated in -- Mr. Hubbard,
- 9 it is fair to say, isn't it, that you do not know
- 10 whether at the time of the CAT inspection the bird
- 11 screens that are referred to in (f) on page 21 of your
- 12 testimony had been scheduled for installation and had
- 13 not yet been installed?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know that that is
- 15 true.
- 16 Q And is it also fair to say that you did not
- 17 make any inquiry or investigation into whether any QC
- 18 inspections or QA inspections of the installation of the
- 19 bird screens had been missed or any gates had been
- 20 missed with respect to the installation of the bird
- 21 screensi
- 22 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I did not, but that is
- 23 the sort of information I would have expected the LILCO
- 24 personnel to tell the IEE inspector and explain why the
- 25 screens weren't there. And so if that had been the

- 1 explanation, I would have expected this not to have been
- 2 written up because that would have been explained to the
- 3 IEE inspector.
- 4 Q With respect to item (g) on page 21, would it
- 5 be fair to say that you also made no investigation or
- 6 inquiry into whether the vent and drain lines were in
- 7 use during the period of the CAT inspection?
- 8 MR. LANPHER: I object to that question. I
- 9 don't understand the relevance.
- MR. ELLIS: Let me restate the question
- 11 without addressing myself to that.
- 12 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 13 Q Mr. Hubbard --
- 14 JUDGE BRENNER: Okay, if you want to.
- 15 MR. ELLIS: I will come back to it, but I will
- 16 just lead up to it.
- 17 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 18 Q Mr. Hubbard, is it fair to say that you do not
- 19 know one way or the other whether there was a test
- 20 program under way with respect to the RHR system at the
- 21 time of the CAT inspection?
- 22 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No.
- 23 Q You did know that such a program was under way?
- 24 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 25 Q And you also know then, don't you, that in the

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1 conduct of that sort of test program vent and drain
 2 lines would be in use and not capped?
 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) If that were the case, Mr.
 4 Ellis, I would have expected a tag to be there saying
 5 why the cap is removed. It's like jumpers, if you take
6 something off, you tag it.
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            (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
        O So you're under the impression there is a
9 tagging program for vent cap vents and drains?
10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, I am under the
11 impression that when you take things off, you put tags
12 there to say something has been removed.
  Q Have you ever reviewed the Shoreham procedures
14 to determine whether there is a requirement to tag vents
15 and caps or vents and drains when caps are removed?
   A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. I have not.
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- 1 Q It is fair to say, then, that you do not know
- 2 whether any of the vent and drain lines in Item (g) were
- 3 in us at the time of the CAT inspection.
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. I also am
- 5 aware that this is not an isolated finding. At page
- 6 4-39 of the CAT inspection, in terms of the leakage
- 7 return system again it says caps on test vent and drain
- 8 lines were not completely installed as per the drawing.
- 9 And with respect to those that you referred to
- 10 on 4-39, you don't know whether those were in use or
- 11 involved in the test program at the time, do you?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I do not. However --
- 13 Q Excuse me. Go ahead. And would it be fair to
- 14 say that you also do not know whether the system
- 15 installation was complete with respect to what is on
- 16 4-29, the leakage return system?
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. However,
- 18 the NRC inspectors did talk in here that when they
- 19 looked at the plants, they looked at things like EEDCRs
- 20 that were outstanding against drawings. So I would have
- 21 expected, if the explanation you just gave were the
- 22 correct one, that the IEE inspector would not have
- 23 written it up.
- 24 JUDGE BRENNER: Incidentally, I think you said
- 25 4-29, and it is 4-39, which is page 29.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yes. Excuse me.
- 2 MR. ELLIS: Thank you, Judge Brenner. I did
- 3 say 29.
- 4 JUDGE BRENNER: Happily, the key is if you
- 5 subtract 10 from the Attachment 4 designations, we have
- 6 the right page.
- 7 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 8 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 9 Mr. Hubbard, are you familiar with the ASME
- 10 inspection certification program now in progress for
- 11 Shoreham?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Are you referring to the
- 13 N-5 program?
- 14 Q Yes.
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, I am familiar with it.
- 16 Q And isn't it true that that inspection
- 17 program, a part of it is designed to ensure that vent
- 18 and drain lines are capped where it is appropriate for
- 19 them to be capped?
- 20 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is one aspect that
- 21 would be looked at, but here we are talking about vents
- 22 and drain lines that are shown on drawings but aren't
- 23 there.
- 24 Q I'm sorry. You didn't mean to say that the
- 25 vent and drain lines weren't there; you meant to say

- 1 that the vents were not there, isn't that right, or the
- 2 caps, I'm sorry, not the vents?
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I meant to say that the
- 4 caps were not there as required by the drawings.
- 5 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 6 Q And it is your understanding that the ASME
- 7 certification program inspection, that part of it is
- 8 designed to ensure that the caps are there where it is
- 9 appropriate for them to be there?
- 10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I am aware in the N-5
- 11 program you do a check of the as-built versus the
- 12 as-analyzed conditions and that it is possible that one
- 13 would go ahead and look at something like this to see
- 14 that the caps are there. That is surely not the main
- 15 intent of the N-5 certification process.
- 16 Q Look at Item (h) on page 21, Mr. Hubbard,
- 17 referring to locked valves, no program or hardware is in
- 18 place to lock valves. You did not examine or review
- 19 LILCO procedures to determine whether in various
- 20 procedures for the systems there is a requirement that
- 21 the valves be locked in appropriate circumstances.
- MR. LANPHER: Could I please have the question
- 23 repeated?
- MR. ELLIS: I will repeat it to save time.
- 25 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)

- 1 Q Mr. Hubbard, it is fair to say, isn't it, that
- 2 you haven't reviewed the Shoreham procedures to
- 3 ascertain whether the procedures for the various systems
- 4 require or show that valves should be checked in the
- 5 locked position where appropriate?
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I have not.
- 7 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 8 Q Do you know what a valve lineup procedure is?
- 9 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) In general, yes.
- 10 Q Would that check for whether a valve is
- 11 appropriately in the locked position, if you know?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) It might and it might not.
- 13 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 14 JUDGE BRENNER: Mr. Ellis, this is probably
- 15 awfully picky, but I think your question was do you know
- 16 if that procedure would show if a valve is appropriately
- 17 in the locked position. Did you mean if it would show
- 18 whether the valve was locked in the proper position?
- 19 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir. And I think if you will
- 20 give me a moment I will put it more precisely for Mr.
- 21 Hubbard as well.
- 22 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 23 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 24 0 Would a valve checklist provide the required
- 25 position, either locked open or locked closed, for the

- 1 specific valve?
- 2 MR. LANPHER: Judge Brenner, I am going to
- 3 object to this line of questioning. I don't understand
- 4 how this goes to the QA issues which we are supposedly
- 5 addressing. I refrained thus far this morning from
- 6 making this objection.
- JUDGE BRENNER: Well, I can see the relevance
- 8 to the finding (h), which Mr. Hubbard has endorsed by
- 9 putting it in his testimony and drawing some conclusions
- 10 from that finding along with the others. The
- 11 questioning is going to whether he knows there is in
- 12 fact a program in place to lock valves. It is close
- 13 enough where I am not going to cut it off at this
- 14 point. How much time it is worth is something else.
- 15 But I am guilty of extending this one because I wasn't
- 16 sure of the wording of the question before.
- 17 Can you answer the question, Mr. Hubbard?
- 18 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes. The finding was that
- 19 there was no program or hardware, so the program, like
- 20 the --
- 21 JUDGE BRENNER: The question is whether you
- 22 knew.
- 23 WITNESS HUBBARD: I did not know there was a
- 24 program and I didn't know the hardware was there. That
- 25 is what the finding says.

- JUDGE BRENNERs How about the particular
- 2 checklist procedure Mr. Ellis asked you about?
- 3 WITNESS HUBBARD: And to this day I don't know
- 4 that there is a checklist procedure. The finding was
- 5 there was no program and no hardware. They may have a
- 6 procedure now or they may have a procedure they didn't
- 7 show the inspector, but at the time it was written, it
- 8 said no program and no hardware.
- 9 JUDGE BRENNER: So here again, like many of
- 10 the other findings we talked about, you are accepting
- 11 the inspector's finding, at least at the time of the
- 12 inspector having written the finding and the inspection
- 13 report, that no program or hardware was in place to lock
- 14 valves.
- 15 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes. And also I am
- 16 accepting the fact that these items have still not been
- 17 closed out, that there is a procedure for closing out
- 18 unresolved items, which has the IEE go back in and say
- 19 we have looked and this is what we found and this has
- 20 now been closed out. And on this particular item, to
- 21 the best of my knowledge that hasn't occurred yet.
- [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 23 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 24 Q Mr. Hubbard, on page 22 of your testimony you
- 25 also conclude that Items (a) through (h) on page 21

- 1 violate Criterion 15. Again, the NRC inspector did not
- 2 conclude that, did he?
- 3 A (WITNESS MUBBARD) That is correct.
- 4 0 Now, is it your testimony that -- let's take
- 5 with respect to (1) on page 21, which we have talked
- 6 about, namely, the grid or reference locations on a
- 7 drawing not being correct. Is it your testimony that
- 8 that is a non-conforming material part or component?
- 9 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, that would appear to be
- 10 a nonconformance in the design checking process.
- 11 Q Well, if it is in your view a nonconformance
- 12 in the design checking process, Criterion 15 doesn't
- 13 have any application, does it?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, that would be covered
- 15 by Criterion 3.
- 16 Q So wouldn't it be fair to say, then, that your
- 17 conclusion that Criterion 15 is applicable to (a)
- 18 through (h) is not correct?
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I would agree that
- 20 Criterion 15 foes not appear to be applicable to Item
- 21 (d).
- 22 Q All right. Does that mean that you think
- 23 Criterion 15 is applicable to the remainder of the list,
- 24 (a) through (h)?
- 25 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) In general, yes. Item (f)

- 1 could be a case where 15 might not be as applicable.
- 2 There is some question in my mind about that.
- 3 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 4 0 Well, look at Item (b). Isn't that a
- 5 situation where, at least according to the CAT
- 6 inspector's finding, the note on the drawing is not
- 7 accurate? I should have said flow diagram rather than
- 8 drawing.
- 9 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, that could be like in
- 10 the category (d), Mr. Ellis. That could have been a
- 11 Criterion 3 and design checking, or it might have been
- 12 something that the inspector would have caught when he
- 13 was doing the inspection.
- 14 Q Well, the same would be true for (e), wouldn't
- 15 it, also, Mr. Hubbard?
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't believe so, Mr.
- 17 Ellis. The note there is that they are not constructed
- 18 in accordance with the Note 15.
- 19 Q Well, you have already indicated, haven't you,
- 20 tht you did not review what the Note 15 said?
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. I didn't
- 22 have the irawing to do that.
- 23 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 24 0 Well, you say, then, that there is a
- 25 difference as you read it between (b) and (d), (b) of

- 1 which you have already indicated is not appropriately
- 2 listed under Criterion 15.
- 3 MR. LANPHER: I object to that
- 4 characterization of his previous testimony. That is not
- 5 what he said. He said it might also be appropriate
- 6 under Criterion 3. He did not rule out Criterion 15
- 7 with respect to Item (b).
- 8 JUDGE BRENNER: He did as to (d). I think
- 9 that is right. Why don't you ask the question
- 10 directly? I don't know why we keep plowing over the
- 11 items again and again.
- 12 MR. ELLIS: Well, this is a different
- 13 criterion, Judge Brenner, that he has cited, and I think
- 14 he has indicated that some of them, even though it is
- 15 stated to be for all of them --
- 16 JUDGE BRENNER: All right. Why don't you, if
- 17 you want to ask it, ask it without the characterization
- 18 of the prior testimony.
- 19 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir. Judge Brenner, if you
- 20 will indulge me, I will ask the witness to correct my
- 21 characterization if I am wrong, but that is what led me
- 22 to (e), is his testimony on (b), so with your permission
- 23 if I could just rephrase it, and correct me if I am
- 24 incorrect.
- 25 JUDGE BRENNER: Okay.

- 1 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 2 Mr. Hubbard, I understood that you testified
- 3 that Criterion 15 either would or might not be
- 4 appropriate for (b) on page 21. Isn't (b) essentially
- 5 the same as (e), and therefore wouldn't the same
- 6 conclusion apply with respect to (e)?
- 7 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know that (b) is
- 8 the same as (e), and what we are getting into is what
- 9 Judge Morris and I talked about yesterday, that the QA
- 10 is a process, and that in the design checking you try to
- 11 see that the various hierarchies in drawings are
- 12 consistent and use consistent nomenclature, and you
- 13 inspect to see the plant is built to the irawings. And
- 14 so the context of these eight items were that the
- 15 as-built plant is different than the drawings. That is
- 16 how the IEE inspector looked at it. And so for that
- 17 reason I cited Criterion 15.
- 18 When we get into the details of how this
- 19 occurred, the difference between the as-built and
- 20 drawings, it could have been either a breakdown in
- 21 inspection or test, which would be 10 and 11, or it
- 22 could be a breakdown in the design checking process,
- 23 which would be more appropriate for Criteria 3. But the
- 24 net result is a plant as built is different than what is
- shown on a drawing.

- 1 Q We are looking, though, at Criterion 15 on
- 2 page 22, Mr. Hubbard, and your answer dealt with
- 3 Criteria 10 and 11.
- 4 [Counsel for LICO conferring.]
- 5 Would it be fair to say, then, that you can't
- 6 be sure whether Criterion 15 is applicable to Item (e)
- 7 on page 21 because you don't know enough about it?
- 8 A No. I can understand the point you have been
- 9 making that there was a breakdown someplace else in the
- 10 process other than inspection testing, but it would
- 11 still -- I would go back to the previous answer. If it
- 12 is not 15, then it is 3, but the net result is that
- 13 somehow in the hierarchy the process wasn't working.
- 14 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 15 Q So what you are saying is that it could be 10
- 16 or it could be 11 or it could be 15, but you would have
- 17 to know more about it to determine which of those is
- 18 really involved.
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, but it would be in
- 20 those general category of criteria that those would be
- 21 intended to prevent the installation of material that
- 22 did not conform to requirements. So 15 is really to
- 23 control that so you build things to requirements, and 10
- 24 and 11 is the checking and testing that is done to be
- 25 sure that you meet those requirements.

- 1 Q Well, 15 is related to non-conforming
- 2 material, parts or components, and not control of the
- 3 design process; isn't that right?
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. Criteria 3
- 5 is control of the design process.
- 6 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's go move on to page 22.
- 7 Yes, let's do page 22, where you have an alleged
- 8 breakdown, number 16, relating to in part metal
- 9 identification tags missing from instrument lines. You
- 10 say this is a violation of Roman XIII again, or
- 11 Criterion 13. Again, the IEE inspector did not conclude
- 12 this, did he?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBPARD) The NRC did not cite this
- 14 as a violation of Criterion 13.
- 15 Q When you cited Criterion 13, I take it you did
- 16 so in this context because you assumed that the tags
- 17 were not there because they were damaged or deteriorated
- 18 in some way.
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No.
- 20 Q Well, what assumptions did you make in citing
- 21 Criterion 13 here?
- 22 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The second sentence, where
- 23 it says the number of vent valves had not been plugged
- 24 or capped to prevent dirt and dust from entering the
- 25 valves. So dirt and dust would possibly cause damage or

- 1 deterioration. So I first keyed in on the dirt and dust,
- 2 and then secondly I looked at the fact that tags were
- 3 missing.
- 4 Q Are you done with your answer?
- 5 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.sir.
- 6 Q Well, my question didn't relate to the vent
- 7 valves, it related to the tags, and my question was,
- 8 pecause you cited Criterion 13, didn't you assume that
- 9 the identification tags were missing because they had
- 10 been damaged or there had been deterioration?
- 11 MR. LANPHER: I object. That is not what the
- 12 question was.
- 13 JUDGE BRENNER: Let him ask his question now.
- 14 MR. LANPHER: Then I object because this has
- 15 been asked already and he said no, and then the question
- 16 was, well, what assumptions did you make, and Mr.
- 17 Hubbard went on and explained.
- 18 JUDGE BRENNER: Hold it. I don't want to go
- 19 over the whole testimony again. The question is a
- 20 little different, I think, and that is why, at least in
- 21 focus, I will let him ask it. I can infer, you could
- 22 infer what the situation is from the previous answer,
- 23 but it would be an inference, and the previous answer
- 24 really wasn't directed to the part on the tags. Even
- 25 given the previous answer, the answer to Mr. Ellis'

- 1 question could be either way.
- 2 How important it is is another matter, but I
- 3 don't know the answer to Mr. Ellis' question,
- 4 necessarily, from the answer already given as to why Mr.
- 5 Hubbard cited Criterion 13.
- 6 MR. LANPHER: Could I get a clarification? Is
- 7 that the question, then, at this point?
- 8 JUDGE BRENNER: No, that was the previous
- 9 question. The question now is did you also cite
- 10 Criterion 13 for the reason that you thought the tags
- 11 were missing as a result of handling and storage
- 12 problems, that is, that the tags had deteriorated or
- 13 been inadvertently removed in one of the processes.
- 14 MR. ELLIS: I thought that was my first
- 15 question, but I could be mistaken.
- JUDGE BRENNER: Let's just get the answer so I
- 17 don't have to repeat the question again. That is the
- 18 problem with the gratuitous interjections.
- 19 WITNESS HUBBARD: I cited 13 primarily based
- 20 on the dirt and dust into the valves. I did not key in
- 21 on the missing tags when I was selecting the critagia.
- 22 However, in reading the CAT inspection, the last
- 23 sentence on page 4-19, it says the licensee took
- 24 immediate corrective action to replace the missing tags
- 25 and to cap the exposed valve openings. So there is at

- 1 least an inference that the tags were missing, which
- 2 means they should have been there, so for some reason
- 3 they weren't. However, that was not the part of the
- 4 quote that I really keyed in on. I keyed in on the vent
- 5 valves.
- BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 7 Q So it is fair to say that your citation of
- 8 Criterion 13 is only applicable to the portion that you
- 9 quote on page 22 of your testimony related to that valve?
- 10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Not necessarily. 13 is
- primarily the vent valves, but it looks like there is
- 12 also an inference that 13 was involved in the tags.
- 13 Q Well, that is an inference that you draw from
- 14 the fact that they are missing and that's all?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 16 Q Mr. Hubbard, we discussed vent valves in an
- 17 earlier context. Now with respect to these vent valves
- 18 on page 22 of your prefiled testimony it is fair to say,
- 19 isn't it, that you don't know whether those vent valves
- 20 were in use at the time?
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I do not. However, I have
- 22 a -- it would be difficult for me to believe that the
- 23 NRC would site this if they were in use.
- 24 O Do you know how the NRC inspector was able to
- 25 identify the instrument lines from which the tags were

- 1 missing?
- 2 [Pause.]
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I don't, Mr. Ellis. I
- 4 do see the lines right immediately above listed, so I
- 5 would assume that he took those off of one of the
- 6 drawings.
- 7 Q Mr. Hubbard, it is fair to say, isn't it, that
- 8 you don't know how long either of the conditions that
- 9 you quote on your alleged breakdown number 16 on page 22
- 10 had been in existence at the time of the CAT inspection?
- 11 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct.
- 12 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's move on now to --
- 13 JUDGE CARPENTER: If you are going to move on,
- 14 Mr. Ellis, I would like to ask one question about this.
- 15 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE CARPENTER: The material referenced on
- 17 page 22 of Mr. Hubbard's pre-filed testimony. Mr.
- 18 Hubbard, are you sufficiently familiar with the
- 19 situation so that you can tell me whether or not the
- 20 area that is being referenced here is part of the system
- 21 that was being looked at from essentially the as-built
- 22 condition, that this was part of that system, the RHR
- 23 system?
- 24 WITNESS HUBBARD: Judge Carpenter, E-11 means
- 25 it is HRH. That is the designation for the RHR system,

- 1 and I believe these are local piping panels. They would
- 2 be ones with pressure transmitters and things like that
- 3 that would be down inside the plant. I guess I don't
- 4 understand your question. E-11 means it is RHR.
- 5 JUDGE CARPENTER: I wasn't aware of that.
- 6 That is why I was asking you. I come back to the
- 7 fundamental issue here, which is attitude. I was trying
- 8 to see whether this was an area that LILCO could have
- 9 reasonably anticipated would be inspected and it
- 10 couldn't bother to pre-inspect it to see whether or not
- 11 these vents were plugged.
- 12 I am not sure which criteria that falls under,
- 13 but I'm just kind of curious about the fact that the
- 14 inspector found these valves unplugged in this
- 15 particular area which is planned for inspection. That
- 16 is why I wanted to be sure that it wasn't something like
- 17 the vents on the diesel generators which didn't have
- 18 screens on them, and thank you for helping me.
- 19 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 20 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's move on to page 23 where
- 21 you discuss electrical separation, and you quote in
- 22 subparagaph A concerning separation of cables and you
- 23 group this under failure to document activities
- 24 affecting quality and failure to prevent installations
- 25 which do not conform to requirements. Did you omit

- 1 something from the quote which is pertinent to whether
- 2 there was a failure to document activities or failure to
- 3 prevent installations which do not conform to
- 4 requirements?
- 5 [Pause.]
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That particular quote, Mr.
- 7 Ellis, came from 4-21 of my attachment, and I don't
- 8 think I deleted anything. There is a sentence that
- 9 follows that says that there was a resolution with an
- 10 EEDCR. However, this EEDCR was imposed after a majority
- 11 of the cables had been installed, so it was after the
- 12 fact. So there is additional information on page 4-21
- 13 but I didn't intentionally leave anything out.
- 14 Q Well, that wasn't even the first EEDCR on the
- 15 issue, was it? Isn't there a reference on your page 25
- 16 to an EEDCR in 1978?
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBEARD) That is correct, Mr.
- 18 Ellis. There have been also a number of different
- 19 separation problems, some of them with inside
- 20 equipment. Oh, it dates back to the 1977 time period.
- 21 So there have been a number of EEDCRs on various aspects
- 22 of electrical separation.
- 23 0 You have not reviewed the EEDCR that is
- 24 referred to in the sentence that follows immediately
- 25 from the quote that you put in as Subparagraph A on page

- 1 23, have you?
- A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I have not. And in
- 3 terms of what I'm writing, I don't think that would be
- 4 relevant.
- 5 Q Wouldn't you want to examine that in order to
- 6 determine whether or not there was a failure to document
- 7 activities affecting quality and a failure to prevent
- 8 installations which do not conform to requirements?
- 9 Wouldn't you want to determine whether the document did
- 10 cover those items?
- 11 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, because that EEDCR was
- 12 issued after the fact.
- 13 Q Well, the NRC inspector did not conclude that
- 14 this was a QA/QC violation of Criterion 5, did he?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Arguably, yes, he did,
- 16 because he says that all of this is a continuation of a
- 17 previous violation, the 3-22-7907.
- 18 Q Mr. Hubbard, hasn't electrical separation been
- 19 a matter under technical discussion and review by the
- 20 NRC and LILCO for a considerable period of time? This
- 21 isn't something that has been missed by anyone, is it?
- 22 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I think yes, it has been
- 23 missed, that this discussion has been going on and, as
- 24 stated here, since 1978, and it has been going on for
- 25 four years. And reading the progress reports that I get

- 1 through the rate case, there were, like, 13,000
- 2 separation instances which violated the Shoreham spec
- 3 which had to be resolved, so it seems to me that there
- 4 was a great deal of cable installations that were made
- 5 that did not agree with the information in both the FSAR
- 6 and the Stone & Webster specifications SH-1-159, and
- 7 that has been going on for a long period of time.
- 8 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's look at the FSAR. You
- 9 state on page 24 that the FSAR method for determining
- 10 separation did not agree with IEEE 384 1974. Isn't it
- 11 true, though, that the FSAR very clearly states that and
- 12 very clearly states that it is not committed to IEEE 384
- 13 1974 but will only adhere when it is possible to do so?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No.
- 15 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) There was no explanation of
- 17 this failure to meet 223 -- well, Stone & Webster had a
- 18 different way of calculating distance than was in IEEE.
- 19 I'm not sure LILCO made a commitment to 384 74. Their
- 20 commitment may have been to an earlier version of 384,
- 21 but the idea that the way they calculated distances was
- 22 different than 384 I believe was a correct finding by
- 23 the NRC.
- 24 Q Well, the way that the FSAR states that
- 25 separation is computed is clearly set forth in the FSAR,

1 isn't it? A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. However, 3 there was a specific question, 223-12, which was to list 4 all of the places where the LILCO criteria is different 5 than what is in 384, and this was not one of the ones 6 that was listed. So by looking at further documents, 7 one could figure out that they had a different way of 8 calculating it.

- 1 Q Mr. Hubbard, you said it was not listed in the
- 2 FSAR. Let me show you a page from the FSAR or a Table
- 3 223.12-3 which is dated -- I believe you will see at the
- 4 bottom -- it is not on the xerox copies, but it is on
- 5 your copy -- April of 1979.
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct.
- 7 Q Now, this does note, does it not, that
- 8 vertical separation for Shoreham is measured from the
- 9 bottom of the top tray to the bottom of the side tray of
- 10 the bottom rail instead of the bottom of the top tray to
- 11 the bottom of the side rail of the bottom tray as stated
- 12 in IEEE Standard 384. So it is noted in FSAR in
- 13 response to Question 223.12, isn't it?
- 14 MR. LANPHER: Excuse me, Judge Brenner.
- 15 Unless we are joing to have this record, I believe that
- 16 inadvertently Mr. Ellis misread the portion at the
- 17 bottom of the page.
- 18 MR. ELLIS: I'm sorry. What did I misread?
- 19 Oh, I'm sorry. Why don't we do mark it then? Maybe it
- 20 would be a good idea to mark it.
- 21 JUDGE BRENNER: All right. Well, it is in the
- 22 FSAR.
- MR. ELLIS: Well, the reason we need to mark
- 24 it is that the FSAR since 1979 has gone through
- 25 revisions. The same note is there, but the reason we

- 1 used this page is because of the date.
- JUDGE BRENNER: Let me see if I understand
- 3 this. The version of the FSAR for which we have already
- 4 assigned an exhibit number in this case has a different
- 5 table than this one?
- 6 MR. ELLIS: It has a revised page dated after
- 7 the CAT inspection, yes, sir.
- 8 JUDGE BRENNER: So you need the old table.
- 9 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir.
- 10 JUDGE BRENNER: So this will be LILCO Exhibit
- 11 49 for identification, and that's all it is unless
- 12 somebody some day tells us this is in the FSAR.
- 13 (The document referred to
- 14 was marked LILCO Exhibit
- 15 No. 49 for
- 16 identification.)
- 17 JUDGE BRENNER: The date is April 1979, and
- 18 this version does not occur in the copy of the FSAR
- 19 which is an exhibit in this case.
- 20 Was there a revision number on this table?
- 21 MR. ELLIS: Yes. I believe it is Revision 26.
- JUDGE BRENNER: Is that right, Mr. Hubbard, on
- 23 your copy?
- 24 WITNESS HUBBARD: I can't read it, but I am
- 25 familiar with this information as part of Suffolk County

- 1 Contention 31.
- JUDGE BRENNER: All right. I just wanted to
- 3 know if you could see it. How come his copy has numbers
- 4 and dates and ours ion't?
- 5 MR. ELLIS: The vagaries of xeroxing is the
- 6 only reason I can come up with.
- JUDGE BRENNER: But all of us have the same
- 8 thing in front of us.
- 9 MR. ELLIS: Yes. It is a telecopy and a xerox
- 10 from a telecopy.
- 11 JUDGE BRENNER: Okay. Now, as to the
- 12 footnote, I missel what you said, if you said something
- 13 different than the notes. So why don't you do it
- 14 correctly.
- 15 What did he do wrong, Mr. Lanpher?
- 16 MR. LANPHER: I think in the second line of
- 17 the footnote, I think he got some words out of -- I
- 18 can't remember exactly how it was wrong, but he didn't
- 19 read it the way the footnote reads. Since we hadn't
- 20 marked it, I was concerned.
- 21 JUDGE BRENNER: Well, let's bind it into the
- 22 transcript at this point for convenience.
- 23 (LILCO Exhibit No. 49 follows:)
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Redundant Class IE Trays	Reg. Suide, 1.75	SNPS-1
Cable Spreading Area Vertical Horizontal Tray Opvers	3 fb(1) 7 ff Done required	Redundant trays never in same vertical stack fit solid(3)
General Plant Areas Vertical Horizontal Tray Covers Hon-Class 18 8 C. ass 18:	Done required	Same as above 3 ft solid(s)
Cable Spreading Area Vertical Borizontal Tray Covers	none required	1 it (s) 7 in. solid(s)
General Plant Area Vertical Hogizontal Tray Covers	S eecs 3 ft Name	1 fe 39(2) 1 in solif(2)
Cable Specification	no requirement except for associated circuits	Some as Class 15
Fire Protection	hone required	Aqto CO, in Cable Spread. Area, Diesel Generator Rooms, Emergency and Normal Switchgear Rooms

NOTES:

(*) Vertical separation for SNPS-7 is measured from the bottom of the top tray to the bottom of the side rail of the bottom tray instead of the bottom of the top tray to the top of the side rail of the bottom tray as stated in INER Std. 38%.

(*) In certain isolated cases, 9 in. separation is used in the reactor building due to limitation of available space.

(*) Tray covers for R and L trays are solid side ventilated; covers of K, C, and E trays solid nonventilated.

- JUDGE BRENNER: Now you can ask him whatever
- 2 you want to ask him, Mr. Ellis.
- 3 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 4 Q Isn't it true, Mr. Hubbard, that the answer to
- 5 Question 223.12 does in fact indicate that vertical
- 6 separation for Shoreham is different from that as stated
- 7 in IEEE Standard 384?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, Mr. Ellis. It does
- 9 show how LILCO calculated vertical separation, but LILCO
- 10 did not go on and then answer the question in 223.12,
- 11 which was, as stated in the last sentence I quoted, "The
- 12 licensee response Question 223.12 did not address this
- 13 difference between the two documents."
- 14 Q Well, I take it then you are construing t'e
- 15 word "address" to require more information than you saw
- 16 in the answer to 223.12.
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, sir. In the previous
- 18 sentence it said that the question was for LILCO to
- 19 discuss the reason for concluding that the less
- 20 stringent criteria are adequate, and there were not
- 21 words that addressed that in response to Question 223.12.
- 22 Q Do you know whether the NRC construed it as
- 23 you are construing it by asking for additional
- 24 information in another question or in this question?
- 25 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't have my separation

- 1 file with me. There was another question on electrical
- 2 separation. I don't recall the number of it. It was
- 3 cited, I believe, in the testimony I prefiled on SC-31.
- 4 Q Isn't that all part of the ongoing technical
- 5 discussion between the staff and LILCO concerning the
- 6 electrical separation issue?
- 7 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I would not call it that,
- 8 Mr. Ellis. The staff asked a specific question, and the
- 9 answer they got did not appear to address one part of
- 10 the question. And I think that is what the IEE
- 11 inspector is pointing out.
- 12 Q Mr. Hubbard, isn't it fair to say, though,
- 13 that this is a technical or engineering issue and not a
- 14 QA/QC issue involving a failure to document activities?
- 15 Activities are pretty well documented, aren't they?
- 16 (Pause.)
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) For this particular one I
- 18 think the activities are documented. However, they are
- 19 documented in an inconsistent manner. LILCO was really
- 20 asking for an exemption to a reg guide and 384
- 21 requirement but didn't ask for it directly.
- 22 Q Mr. Hubbard, you don't need an exemption for
- 23 reg guides, do you?
- 24 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. But there was a
- 25 question, 223.12, which asked for the difference between

- 1 what was in the reg guide and what LILCO was doing.
- 2 O I'm sorry. Did you confirm, Mr. Hubbard, that
- 3 you are aware that Shoreham was not committed to IEEE
- 4 384 in 1974 and Reg Guide 1.75 Revision 1?
- 5 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is my recollection;
- 6 that Shoreham committed to an earlier version to the
- 7 extent practicable. In Appendix 3B in the list of reg
- 8 guides I think those are the words.
- 9 JUDGE BRENNER: Do you mean they committed to
- 10 an earlier version and to the extent practicable would
- 11 meet whatever version we're talking about now, the 1974
- 12 version, or did you mean what you said, that they would
- 13 commit to an earlier version to the extert practicable?
- 14 WITNESS HUBBARD: My recollection is they
- 15 committed to meeting an earlier version of the reg guide
- 16 to the extent practicable, but it is written in table or
- 17 Appendix 3B which lists all of the reg guides. And if
- 18 we want to know the exact words, I will look and I will
- 19 tell you what the exact words are.
- 20 JUDGE BRENNER: When you said earlier version
- 21 in response to the question, I deemed that to also
- 22 modify the IEEE standard. Are you limiting it to the
- 23 reg guide?
- 24 WITNESS HUBBARD: The earler version of the
- 25 reg guide, as I recall the reference, is an earlier

- t version of the IEEE standard. However, this part on
- 2 calculating distances my recollection is has always been
- 3 part of the IEEE standard, one part that changed from
- 4 revision to revision.
- 5 JUDGE CARPENTER: Mr. Hubbard, if you can help
- 6 me, you say this is a way of calculating the distances,
- 7 but the consequences of that are not -- the bottom line
- 8 comes down to the fact that the result is that the two
- 9 items that are being considered are different distances
- 10 from each other. But it is not a matter of how some
- 11 definition of the way in which the distance is
- 12 calculated, but it is a way of stating the criteria
- 13 which is really different.
- 14 Is that a correct interrretation on my part?
- 15 I mean in one case the cables turn out to be 12 inches
- 16 apart, and in another case they turn out to be 8 or 9.
- 17 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, that is the
- 18 significance. The LILCO method gives 8 or 9. The IEEE
- 19 way gives 12. So it is a reduction of about 3 to 4
- 20 inches of separation.
- 21 JUDGE CARPENTER: That is because of referring
- 22 to reference parts that are not the cable themselves but
- 23 other parts of the way the cables are supported. And if
- 24 so -- obviously they refer to different parts of the
- 25 supporting structure -- you come up with different

- 1 numbers. But there's no question that there is a real
- 2 difference in the position of the cables.
- 3 WITNESS HUBBARD: I think there is a real
- 4 difference. The IEEE standard would have the trays
- 5 separated by 12 inches.
- 6 JUDGE CARPENTER: And therefore the cables.
- 7 WITNESS HUBBARD: And therefore the cables.
- 8 The LILCO method would get them much closer to each
- 9 other. So we're talking about a real difference of 3 to
- 10 4 inches of separation if you believe that 12 inches of
- 11 air is a good idea, which is what the IEEE standard says.
- 12 JUDGE CARPENTER: Between the cables?
- 13 WITNESS HUBBARD: Between the trays.
- 14 JUDGE CARPENTER: The trays are in three
- 15 dimensions. What is a critical consideration of the
- 16 tray? Well, first of all, if you could help me, is it
- 17 really the spacing between the trays or the spacing
- 18 between the cables?
- 19 WITNESS HUBBARD: Well, the cables sit on the
- 20 bottom of the trays.
- 21 JUDGE CARPENTER: From a safety point of
- 22 view? That's my primary consideration.
- 23 WITNESS HUBBARD: From a safety standpoint
- 24 you're interested in the separation between the cables.
- 25 JUDGE CARPENTER: So if the rails happen to be

- 1 an inch high or three inches high, that is not a major
- 2 consideration when I view the separation between the
- 3 cables; the height of the rail is not a major
- 4 consideration?
- 5 WITNESS HUBBARD: No. That just says how high
- 6 you can pile the cables within the tray.
- JUDGE CARPENTER: It doesn't influence from
- 8 the safety point of view the performance of the system,
- 9 the free air space between the cables, even though it
- 10 might restrict the passage of air in cooling and so on.
- 11 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes. There are other
- 12 standard that say, oh, like you can only have a cable
- 13 tray filled 42 percent for thermal reasons, things of
- 14 that sort. But here we are talking about the IEEE wants
- 15 a distance of 12 inches between the trays of free air
- 16 where you have cables sitting on the bottom or the top
- 17 tray, and it could be up to almost the top of the bottom
- 18 one.
- JUDGE CARPENTER: Thank you for helping me see
- 20 this a little more clearly.
- 21 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 22 Q Mr. Hubbard, just to -- excuse me.
- 23 JUDGE MORRIS: I just wanted to clarify one
- 24 thing, Mr. Hubbard. You were asked by Mr. Ellis whether
- 25 you needed an exception or an exemption if you didn't

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1 follow the reg guide. Do you recall that?
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             WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, sir.
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             JUDGE MORRIS: Isn't it the NRC practice that
 4 if the reg guide is not met then technical justification
 5 is required?
             WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, sir. And that was the
 7 question that was being asked was for this justification.
             JUDGE MORRIS: Right. Thank you.
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             MR. LANPHER: Judge Brenner, at some point
10 along here -- I don't know if this is convenient for Mr.
11 Ellis -- but I think we could use a break.
             MR. ELLIS: Well, whatever would suit the
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13 Board and the parties. I have maybe -- well, yes, sir,
14 this might be a good time.
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             JUDGE BRENNER: Ckay. Let's come back at
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- JUDGE BRENNER: Okay. We're ready to go back
- 2 on the record.
- 3 MR. ELLIS: I'm sorry, Judge Brenner. May I
- 4 go off the record for a moment?
- 5 JUDGE BRENNER: Yes.
- 6 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE BRENNER: Let's go back on the record.
- 8 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 9 Q Mr. Hubbard, just prior to the break you
- 10 indicated to Judge Carpenter that the difference in the
- 11 measuring techniques stated by LILCO in its FSAR and
- 12 IEEE 384 resulted in a difference of three or so inches,
- 13 a difference between 12 inches between the trays and 9
- 14 inches between the trays.
- 15 Isn't it a technical or engineering question
- 16 whether that 9 inches or 8 inches or 10 inches is
- 17 satisfactory as opposed to 12 inches rather than a QA
- 18 question?
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, Mr. Ellis, not in the
- 20 broad concept of OA. Clearly it is a matter of judgment
- 21 on justification for less stringent criteria, but it is
- 22 also part of the design control process that goes into
- 23 the FSAR.
- 24 Q Well, the FSAR clearly stated that IEEE 384
- 25 was not going to be complied with, isn't that right?

- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. There is an inference,
- 2 but it is not clearly stated, and no justification is
- 3 provided for.
- 4 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 5 Q Well, Mr. Hubbard, I'm a little confused.
- 6 Doesn't the FSAR state very clearly how the vertical
- 7 separation is to be measured?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) It states that -- you said
- 9 very clearly it states what LILCO did, but it didn't
- 10 then in the body of the answer go back and explain that
- 11 as one of the differences between 384 and the LILCO
- 12 approach and provide technical justification for that
- 13 difference.
- 14 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 15 Q So your testimony that it is a OA problem
- ta rests on the absence as you see it of the technical
- 17 justification in the FSAR concerning the separation.
- 18 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, in part, and in part
- 19 due to the design review process that allowed this to
- 20 continue.
- 21 Q Well, didn't it continue -- that is, the
- 22 separation not pursuant to 384 -- didn't it continue
- 23 perfectly, intended to continue and controlled by EEDCRs
- 24 and the FSAR as well?
- 25 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. I think separation

- 1 without a control was out of control. There were 13,000
- 2 installations made that were contrary to the LILCO cable
- 3 specification, and so a number of those had to be
- 4 reviewed. And this has been an ongoing problem for a
- 5 number of years.
- 6 Q That is not --
- 7 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 8 Q Mr. Hubbacd, so we're operating from the same
- 9 premise, the FSAR stated how the vertical separation was
- 10 to be measured and stated that it was not as IEEE 384
- 11 stated it, and that has always been known to the NRC.
- 12 And it is in Section 3.12.3.5.2 of the FSAR.
- MR. LANPHER: Judge Brenner, could we ask that
- 14 the witness be provided a copy of this section of the
- 15 FSAR?
- 16 JUDGE BRENNER: Yes. Do you only have the
- 17 one, Mr. Ellis?
- 18 MR. ELLIS: Yes. We told them. Didn't we
- 19 indicate --
- 20 JUDGE BRENNER: Wait a minute. I just asked a
- 21 simple question. I think we have one right next door.
- 22 What volume is it?
- Mr. Dawe, what volume is that?
- 24 MR. DAWE: That is Volume 6, Judge.
- 25 JUDGE BRENNER: Unless it gets to the point of

- 1 detail where we need it, we might be able to accommodate
- 2 you also.
- 3 MR. ELLIS: May I have my question?
- 4 JUDGE BRENNER: Wait a minute. Let's go off
- 5 the record. Judge Morgis is getting the volume.
- 6 (Discussion off the record.)
- 7 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 8 Q Do you recall the question, Mr. Hubbard?
- 9 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I don't, Mr. Ellis.
- 10 JUDGE BRENNER: I'm not going to try to repeat
- 11 that subsection number. Do you want it read back, Mr.
- 12 E17 is?
- 13 MP. ELLIS: Yes, I would, please, Judge
- 14 Brenner.
- 15 (The Reporter read the record as requested.)
- 16 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 17 O To expedite matters, if you need to refer to
- 18 it --
- MR. LANPHER: Judge Brenner, my only concern
- 20 with the question is -- and that has always been known,
- 21 and we have evidence that this, at least portions of
- 22 this, have been revised.
- 23 Is the textucal section that he referred to
- 24 the same that has been in FSAR during the whole time
- 25 frame that the plant has been built?

- JUDGE BRENNER: Let him ask Mr. Hubbard the
- 2 question, and instead of always why don't you talk about
- 3 a time frame from the beginning of installation of the
- 4 cables and cable trays, unless you want to put another
- 5 time frame in.
- 6 MR. ELLIS: Well, the particular document that
- 7 Mr. Lanpher mentioned is not the one we're referring to
- 8 now, but let me put the time frame on it -- since 1976,
- 9 which is the date of the FSAR.
- 10 WITNESS HUBBARD: Well, I do have that
- 11 problem, Mr. Ellis, that the sheet that talks about the
- 12 vertical separation -- well, on page 3.12-11, which is
- 13 Revision 27 dated August 1982, there is in the third
- 14 paragraph down in parentheses the statement that
- 15 horizontal separation is measured from the side rail of
- 16 one tray to the side rail of the adjacent tray, and
- 17 vertical separation is measured from the bottom of the
- 18 top tray to the bottom of the side rail of the bottom
- 19 tray. So it is stated that is the method that was used
- 20 by LILCO.
- 21 Now, this is not one of the sections or
- 22 paragraphs that has a line out showing that it was
- 23 changed in Revision 27; so that says at least in the
- 24 previous revision this statement was there.
- 25 Q And you can also conclude, can't you, Mr.

- 1 Hubbard, that it was there when the CAT inspector looked
- 2 at it because he cited it?
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct, Mr. Ellis.
- 4 Q So you can't tell, though, from looking at
- 5 this whether or not this information was known to the
- 6 NRC through the FSAR back before the previous revision,
- 7 can you?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I'm really sorry. Could we
- 9 have that question back?
- 10 Q Do you have any knowledge -- I will restate --
- 11 do you have any knowledge concerning when the NRC knew
- 12 about the manner in which electrical separation
- 13 distances were measured at Shoreham?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, I think that the
- 15 NRC may have known that LILCO did a calculation a
- 16 different way. The point that the IEE inspector was
- 17 making, though, was that when LILCO was specifically
- 18 asked to describe the exceptions and the justification
- 19 for it that they had not done that. So it seems to me
- 20 that the questions have not gone to what the NRC
- 21 inspector sited LILCO for which was the lack of
- 22 justification for an exception.
- 23 O And so your QA problem that you are referring
- 24 to then is the nature of the answer to the question
- 25 Whether or not it was complete in giving its

- 1 justification, isn't that right? That is what you are
- 2 referring to as the QA problem?
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The QA problem in part
- 4 having to do with item D was that the answer to 223.12
- 5 was not complete.
- 6 Q And I think you testified earlier you don't
- 7 know whether NRR has ever asked for any more information?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That was not my testimony.
- 9 Q I'm sorry. Do you know whether NRR has asked
- 10 for any more information concerning electrical
- 11 separation?
- JUDGE BRENNER: He said he seemed to remember
- 13 another question that was asked as part of his work on
- 14 Contention Suffolk County 31, but he wasn't sure.
- 15 WITNESS HUBBARD: There are two questions, and
- 16 whether this was the first one or the second one, I
- 17 ion't recall without looking at it.
- 18 JUDGE BRENNER: I didn't want to take the
- 19 floor away from you, Mr. Hubbard. I just wanted to
- 20 recap that briefly. If you want to add to what I said,
- 21 you can.
- (No response.)
- 23 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 24 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 25 Q Mr. Hubbard, would you look, please, at

- 1 request 223.67 in the FSAR? Is that the one that you
- 2 were referring to as the one you seem to remember was
- 3 the request for other information?
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, it is, Mr. Ellis.
- 5 Q They didn't ask for any justification in there
- 6 concerning distances, even though they knew about them,
- 7 isn't that right? By "they" I mean the NRR.
- 8 A I don't agree, Mr. Ellis, with your assumption
- 9 that they knew about it; that on close reading they may
- 10 have known about it. However, it was not one of the
- 11 items that was specifically justified. In fact, it was
- 12 omitted. However, in direct answer to your question
- 13 about 223.67, they do not ask about further questions
- 14 about the 9 inches versus 12 inches.
- (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- JUDGE CARPENTER: Mr. Hubbard, did the
- 17 question specifically ask about the difference between
- 18 the 9 inches and the 12 inches?
- 19 WITNESS HUBBARD: No, it did not. The --
- 20 well, Judge Carpenter, which question are you talking
- 21 about, the 223.67 -- that is the more recent question --
- 22 or the original question?
- JUDGE CARPENTER: The one you were just
- 24 reading from.
- 25 WITNESS HUBBARD: The second question, 223.67,

- 1 is a followup to 223.12, and it asks for additional
- 2 information on what was practicable and possible. And
- 3 it does not ask questions on the 9 inches versus 12
- 4 inches.
- 5 JUDGE CARPENTER: Do you feel that you
- 6 reviewed the questions relating to electrical separation
- 7 in some detail?
- 8 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, I do. I'm familiar
- 9 with that having written testimony on SC-31.
- 10 JUDGE CARPENTER: In that review did you find
- 11 any place the explicit question requesting a technical
- 12 analysis of the safety implications of a separation
- 13 criteria 12 inches versus 9 inches?
- 14 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, I did. In Question
- 15 223.12, at page 223.12, the first question is "Compare
- 16 your separation design requirements to those in IEEE
- 17 Standard 384, 1974 as augmented by Reg Guide 1.75
- 18 Revision 1, and identify those requirements and aspects
- 19 of your design which are not in accordance with either
- 20 the standard or the regulatory guide. Where less
- 21 stringent criteria are proposed, discuss the reasons for
- 22 concluding that the less stringent criteria are
- 23 alequate."
- 24 When LILCO answered that, they did not
- 25 specifically provide an analysis for the 6 versus the 9

- 1 inches. The only place that you have reference to that
- 2 in a footnote in a table. It was not one of the ones
- 3 they had culled out to provide a justification for.
- JUDGE CARPENTER: Well, I wanted to ask from a
- 5 quality assurance point of view, and come back to the
- 6 line of questioning, do you feel that specifically --
- 7 failure to specifically respond was a quality assurance
- 8 breakdown, and under what criterion?
- 9 WITNESS HUBBARD: I think it is, Judge
- 10 Carpenter, a breakdown in the design control process in
- 11 that the answers are to be complete. And this is an
- 12 area where LILCO was doing something different than the
- 13 reg guide and the IEEE 384 and didn't specifically point
- 14 that out and then provide their justification for doing
- 15 it.
- JUDGE CARPENTER: That makes me think of
- 17 Criterion 3 in my mind rather than the 5 that you
- 18 characterized. And I was just trying to explore this to
- 19 be sure why you thought it was 5 rather than 3.
- 20 WITNESS HUBBARD: In my defense I think I can
- 21 only answer what I answered to Judge Morris yesterday;
- 22 that I was grouping four different things here; that, as
- 23 stated on page 4-21, the third paragraph down, the NRC
- 24 inspector observed several apparent violations of
- 25 separation criteria. And he talks about violations

- 1 between non-Class 1-E and Class 1-E, and then another
- 2 violation between Class 1-E of different divisions. And
- 3 then when he starts in describing those in detail, each
- 4 of the areas, the first one he selected was one that
- 5 there weren't criteria or that the requirements didn't
- 6 exist until after the installation had taken place.
- 7 Well, that would go to Criterion 5.
- 8 Looking at it now I could probably go through
- 9 each one and assign criteria to it, and it might be a
- 10 little different; but, in general, the separation
- 11 problem as I would characterize it has been one that
- 12 installations were made before the criteria were
- 13 developed. So there is a subset of that which is that
- 14 the FSAR hasn't been as it clear as it could be about
- 15 what the criteria that LILCO is actually using are.
- 16 JUDGE CARPENTER: Thank you. That makes it
- 17 much clearer to me.
- 18 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 19 Q Mr. Hubbard, I thought I heard in your answer
- 20 to Judge Carpenter that you said that the NRC did not --
- 21 was not told specifically that the reg guide and the
- 22 IEEE standard were not fully complied with. Turn to
- 23 3.B-18, please, in Volume 6.
- 24 Do you have Volume 6 there? You should.
- 25 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, Mr. Ellis.

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           Do you have that in front of you?
       A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, sir.
            Would you read, please, the sentence,
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4 sentences that appear there?
5 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) You would like me to read
 6 3.B 1.75?
7 Q Yes, sir.
      A (WITNESS HUBBARD) "The electrical systems do
9 not fully comply with Regulatory Guide 1.75." And this
10 is Regulatory Guide 1.75.
           Excuse me. You want an exact quote?
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12 Q Go ahead and read it first and then you can
13 give any explanation you like.
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- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) "The electrical systems do
- 2 not fully comply with Reg Guide 1.75 due to the advanced
- 3 stage of the design at the time of issuance of the
- 4 guide. The Safety Evaluation Report (February 20, 1970)
- 5 precedes the implementation date provided in section D of
- 6 the guide. However, within the limitations imposed by
- 7 the system and equipment design, an effort was made to
- 8 the maximum extent practicable to comply with the guide."
- 9 Q And then it references, doesn't it, section
- 10 3.12?
- 11 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, it does, Mr. Ellis,
- 12 and it also says up at the top that this is the reg
- 13 guide dated 1/75.
- 14 Q So there is no doubt -- well, strike that.
- 15 JUDGE BRENNER: Wait. He says this was the
- 16 reg guide fated 1/75. Is that the date, January '75?
- 17 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, Judge Brenner. The
- 18 reason I mention that is that --
- 19 JUDGE BRENNER: I just wanted to know if that
- 20 is a date.
- 21 WITNESS HUBBARD: It is 1/75, which is January
- 22 '75. That is the date of the rec guide. The date of
- 23 the page is Revision 4, dated February 1977.
- JUDGE BRENNER: I was confused. We don't have
- 25 the page in front of us. And I don't have the unsual

- 1 coincidence of having the same numerical designation for
- 2 the date as well as the reg guide number. And you have
- 3 explained that.
- 4 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 5 Q But so far as this page is concerned, this
- 6 existed even prior to February of 1977, diin't it,
- 7 because there is no bar next to that paragraph?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct, Mr. Ellis.
- 9 Q So just so that we are clear, there is no
- 10 doubt at least as early as February 1977 and earlier,
- 11 since this Revision 4 did not include a change in that
- 12 paragraph, the NRC was aware of the LILCO position with
- 13 respect to Reg Guide 1.75 and was aware of the manner in
- 14 which the separations were measured. Isn't that correct?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, that is not correct,
- 16 Mr. Ellis. The NRC, as I would hypothesize, looked at
- 17 the answer on 3.B.175 on page 3.B-18, where LILCO states
- 18 they do not fully comply with the regulatory guide. And
- 19 that is the reason why we have questioned 223.12, which
- 20 asks for a description of the areas where LILCO doesn't
- 21 comply, and then LILCO responded by response number 1,
- 22 listed the areas and provided justification. And the
- 23 item of the 9 inches versus 12 inches was not one of the
- 24 ones that LILCO pointed out and specifically provided
- 25 justification.

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1 Q But it was identified in that answer. What
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- 2 you are saying is that the justification was not given,
- 3 is that what you are saying?
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, the question was to
- 5 identify and provide justification, and the only place
- 6 it was identified was in the footnote, so you would have
- 7 to say that it was not specifically identified in
- 8 response to a question and clearly no justification for
- 9 it was provided.
- 10 Q Well, that table that you read from where you
- 11 conceded that it was identified was part of the
- 12 response, wasa't it?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 14 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's turn to another aspect of --
- 15 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- JUDGE BRENNER: Let's go off the record.
- 17 (Discussion off the record.)
- 18 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 19 Q Mr. Hubbard, is it fair to say that your
- 20 understanding then of the separation situation is that
- 21 -- no, strike that.
- 22 On page 25 of your testimony you quote again
- 23 from the CAT report, which in summary states that an
- 24 EEDCR stated that separation criteria could not be met
- 25 and requested approval for nonconforming installation;

- 1 and that the response was that it was permitted provided
- 2 that it was documented on an EEDCR. And then in the
- 3 final paragraph you say that Criterion 15 is violated
- 4 because it requires that measures be established to
- 5 control items which do not conform to requirements in
- 6 order to prevent their inadvertent use or installation.
- 7 Isn't it fairly clear that the installation of
- 8 the cable that is being referred to in the paragraph
- 9 that you cited there on page 25 was not inadvertent but
- 10 deliberate?
- 11 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes. And I think that is
- 12 what bothers me, Mr. Ellis, that LILCO knowingly
- 13 violated the separation criteria in the FSAR.
- 14 Q And they did so in a controlled manner, using
- 15 EEDCRs, didn't they?
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) They stated that EEDCRs
- 17 would be used, yes. Whether that was done in all cases
- 18 is yet to be determined.
- 19 Q But you don't know that it wasn't?
- 20 (Pause.)
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I would have to look at
- 22 some IEE reports to address that. The 82-24 goes into
- 23 the problems with electrical separation, and then 79-07
- 24 and 80-10 also discuss it. And as I recall, some of
- 25 those again pointed out that there were a lack of

- 1 criteria and not following criteria. But I would have
- 2 to pull out the IEE reports to refresh my memory on them.
- 3 Q You do agree, though, don't you, that for
- 4 Criterion 15 to be applicable, as you stated, that it
- 5 has to be an inadvertent use or installation?
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No.
- 7 O Then why did you say on page 25, and I quote,
- 8 "The preceding installation of cables is in a
- 9 nonconforming manner, is contrary to the requirement of
- 10 Criterion 15 that measures be established to control
- 11 items which do not conform to requirements in order to
- 12 prevent their inadvertent use or installation."
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The words are "inadvertent
- 14 use or installation." So conform to requirements, you
- 15 install it in accordance with the installation
- 16 instructions.
- 17 Q I see. So you don't construe the term
- 18 "inadvertent" as applying to installation and only to
- 19 use?
- 20 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes. I think the point of
- 21 Criterion 15 is that you install things that conform to
- 22 the requirements, and if not, then it is a nonconforming
- 23 material.
- 24 Q Well, then it is your testimony that under
- 25 Criterion 15 -- or Criterion 15 is violated any time

- 1 materials, parts, or components are installed that do
- 2 not conform to requirements even though that
- 3 nonconformance is controlled by the design process?
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) If it is truly controlled
- 5 by the design process, then it is not a nonconformance.
- 6 Q Well, isn't that what the "inadvertent" refers
- 7 to, whether or not it is properly controlled?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't understand your
- 9 question, Mr. Ellis, I am sorry.
- 10 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's move on.
- (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 12 Q Look at your alleged breakdowns 25 and 26.
- 13 Again, the NRC inspector, CAT inspector, did not --
- (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 15 Q This has been a matter that has been referred
- 16 to NRR for NRR's consideration, isn't it?
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, it has. And I
- 18 discussed this with NRR last week. And the indication
- 19 they gave me is that they are going to support the
- 20 inspector and hold firm on this one.
- 21 Q Would you agree that this involves an
- 22 interpretation of IEEE 279 and Reg Guide 1.62?
- 23 (Pause.)
- 24 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, I can't draw a
- 25 fine line on what is interpretation. It would seem to

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- 1 me that it was not just a matter of interpretation.
- 2 0 Well, if it were a dispute over the
- 3 interpretation of IEEE 279 and Reg Guide 1.62, that
- 4 would be a technical or engineering matter and not a QA
- 5 matter, wouldn't it?
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. If LILCO wants to have
- 7 an interpretation and they have a way to put that in
- 8 front of the NRC in the form of the FSAR to say, this is
- 9 our interpretation. But rather they said, it meets the
- 10 reg guide. And the NRC's position is, as I understand
- 11 it, that it doesn't meet the reg guide.
- 12 Q Well, have you made an analysis, engineering
- 13 analysis, of this satuation to make up your own mind
- 14 independently of whether there is an interpretive
- 15 dispute or whether the NRR is correct?
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) In this particular case, I
- 17 did read the FSAR. And in FSAR paragraph 7.3.2.1.2.19
- 18 it does state that the ECCS systems meet Reg Guide
- 19 1.62. And that is at page 7.3-69 of the FSAR.
- 20 Likewise, for the reactor building closed-loop cooling
- 21 water system at page 7.6-41, that does state that it
- 22 meets the reg guide.
- 23 Q No one ever doubted that?
- 24 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Though there is even there
- 25 an error that the reference is to point 18 where it

- 1 really should be point 19. So the cross referencing at
- 2 page 7.6-41 is in error.
- 3 Q Mr. Hubbard, my question wasn't whether LILCO
- 4 stated that it met those, because that is clear that is
- 5 in the justifications and the FSAR. My question to you
- 6 was, did you independently do any analysis or
- 7 engineering evaluation to determine whether there is a
- 8 basis for an interpretive dispute?
- 9 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The only analysis I did was
- 10 to discuss this with the NRR personnel who were
- 11 reviewing it to get an indication from them of whether
- 12 this was a matter of interpretation or in support of the
- 13 IEE finding. And the preliminary indication I got was
- 14 that the words mean what the words mean and this is not
- 15 a matter of interpretation.
- (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) And there is, Mr. Ellis, a
- 18 place to put interpretation in the FSAR. That is in the
- 19 section we were just looking at, 3.B, because each of
- 20 the reg guiles are looked at there, and if there is an
- 21 interpretation that the applicant has, my understanding
- 22 is that that is the place where that interpretation is
- 23 set forth.
- In this case, there is no such
- 25 interpretation. So there is a place to do it.

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1 Q Well, assuming that there is a question of
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- 2 interpretation and it is clear from the LILCO response
- 3 that LILCO believes it is in compliance with Reg Guide
- 4 1.62, that is clear, isn't it, from the response to the
- 5 CAT report, which is Suffolk County Exhibit 70 at page 6
- 6 and -- well, more directly, page 8 where it states that
- 7 the Shoreham design is in compliance with the guidance
- 8 provided in NRC Regulatory Guide 1.62 as described
- 9 above, so no corrective action is necessary? And that
- 10 is after a page and a half or more of discussion
- 11 concerning why LILCO believes that Reg Guide 1.62 is met?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) L. LCO's position is set out
- 13 in Suffolk County Exhibit 70. And my understanding is
- 14 that the NRC is not going to accept that interpretation.
- 15 Q I understand that is what your understanding
- 16 of the situation is. Whether or not you are right or
- 17 not, we will have to wait and see. But the point I am
- 18 trying to make is that reasonable people might differ on
- 19 something like this, isn't that right?
- 20 (Pause.)
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't think this should
- 22 properly be characterized as just a matter of
- 23 interpretation. And even if it were a matter of
- 24 interpretation, there is a procedure, which is to use
- 25 the reg guide portion Appendix 3.B to talk about

- 1 interpretations. So it would seem to me that this is a
- 2 breakdown in the fesign control process.
- 3 Q Are you done, Mr. Hubbard?
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, sir.
- 5 Q Well, let me ask you directly, have you
- 6 conducted a review of the manual initiation and
- 7 automatic initiation aspects of the systems involved and
- 8 compared it with IEEE 279 and Reg Guide 1.62 for
- 9 Shoreham?
- 10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I have not, Mr. Ellis.
- 11 But it is not necessary.
- 12 Q In your opinion?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) In my opinion. Yes.
- 14 Q So that the quality assurance problem you see
- 15 here is the failure of LILCO to insert its justification
- 16 in the FSAR, isn't that right?
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, that would have
- 18 been one of the failures.
- 19 O And that is --
- 20 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 2: Q Well, let me ask you hypothetically, Mr.
- 22 Hubbard, if LILCO believed that it was in compliance
- 23 with Reg Guide 1.62, then there would be no reason to
- 24 state an interpretation or to do something different in
- 25 the design drawings or instructions. Isn't that right?

- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, because LILCO
- 2 acknowledges in the first part of the LILCO position
- 3 that, for example, the LPCI does not provide signals to
- 4 the RBCLCW system in the accident mode. So they know
- 5 that it doesn't do it. But then they have an
- 6 interpretation of why that is not required. And so
- 7 knowing that, that if they wanted their interpretation
- 8 to be accepted by NRC, then the place one would have
- 9 done that is to have flagged back in section 3.B. And
- 10 that is why I believe the NRC cited for violation of
- 11 Criteria 3.
- 12 Q But if the applicant, if LILCO thought that
- 13 was the correct interpretation or a reasonable
- 14 interpretation all along, there would be no need to
- 15 state it in Appendix 3.B, would there?
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, there would, because
- 17 it is clear that is an interpretation. It doesn't meet
- 18 the letter of IEEE 279.
- 19 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 20 Q Let's move ahead, Mr. Hubbard, to --
- 21 JUDGE BRENNER: Excuse me, Mr. Hubbard. Would
- 22 it affect your judgment to know how the Staff had
- 23 applied the reg guide previously to this situation, or
- 24 if they had addressed this particular question
- 25 previously in this situation with respect to other

- 1 plants?
- WITNESS HUBBARD: It might in a minor way,
- 3 Juige Brenner. But it would seem to me that even if the
- 4 Staff were to accept the LILCO position, the LILCO
- 5 position should have been set forth earlier in the reg
- 6 guide section.
- JUDGE BRENNER: I am addressing your point as
- 8 to whether it should have been set forth in that reg
- 9 guide section, that 3.B section. And in order to answer
- 10 that question, would it be pertinent to know whether the
- 11 Staff in the past had approved plants with the same
- 12 approach as Shoreham in this matter without noting any
- 13 departure from the reg guide?
- 14 WITNESS HUBBARD: I would think that would be
- 15 of some interest. But then you get into did they
- 16 knowingly to it or unknowingly do it, and when did they
- 17 first become aware of this?
- 18 JUDGE BRENNER: Who is "they" in your answer?
- 19 WITNESS HUBBARD: "They" is the Staff. That
- 20 becomes a complicated matter to talk about what
- 21 regulatory procedure has been in the past and what the
- 22 knowledge base was for that regulatory procedure.
- 23 Sometimes things have occurred but not because somebody
- 24 made a decision; he just plain didn't know, he hadn't
- 25 read the words carefully enough to understand what they

- 1 really meant but --
- 2 JUDGE BRENNERs That is part, is it not, of
- 3 reinforcing the view that it would be pertinent to
- 4 explore what the Staff wight have done in the past in
- 5 order to address the question as to whether it was
- 6 reasonable on LILCO's part to make the interpretation
- 7 they made without any special explanation of it?
- 8 WITNESS HUBBARD: I think that might be
- 9 relevant, but I think still LILCO had a responsibility
- 10 if they wanted to cite something as an interpretation
- 11 and there is a place in the FSAR to put forth
- 12 interpretations of reg guides and standards.
- 13 JUDGE BRENNER: To some extent, that depends
- 14 as to whether at the time it would have been reasonable
- 15 to believe that there was another interpretation other
- 16 than LILCO's.
- 17 WITNESS HUBBARD: Well, I can see you have
- 18 some questions for the Staff, yes.
- 19 JUDGE BRENNER: Well, I am asking you because
- 20 you are the one who's concluding that this is a QA
- 21 problem. I may also have some questions of the Staff.
- 22 WITNESS HUBBARD: I conclude it is a OA
- 23 problem. First, it was picked by the Staff as a
- 24 violation. It was picked as a Severity 4 violation, so
- 25 they did give some significance to it. It is a

- 1 violation of a GDC -- not a GDC, but a regulatory
- 2 requirement IEEE 179 -- excuse me, 279, which is culled
- 3 out by the regulations as stated in the notice of
- 4 violation at 50.55. A paragraph H.
- And so I would expect the FSAR to be pretty
- 6 clear about interpretations of 50.55.A.H. And I do not
- 7 share LILCO's view that this is only a matter of
- 8 interpretation.
- 9 JUDGE BRENNER: It would have been
- 10 unreasonable, in your view, for a professional in the
- 11 field to believe that Shoreham complied with the reg
- 12 guide, given the words of the reg guide? Is that your
- 13 testimony?
- 14 WITNESS HUBBARD: I can't really say that. I
- 15 can say -- and the reason I can't say it is I have not
- 16 gone back and reviewed the reg guide and reviewed the
- 17 whole history, as you mentioned. However, I do know
- 18 that this is one of the items that came out of the Three
- 19 Mile Island accident in '79. And so there has been
- 20 additional attention to this whole area of manual versus
- 21 automatic initiation. So in that context, this is one
- 22 that has had more interest, it has been more on the
- 23 front burners since '79 than maybe it was before.
- 24 But I think you're going to have to ask the
- 25 Staff some of the questions you have asked me. They

- 1 have the direct knowledge of what they have done in the
- 2 past and why.
- 3 JUDGE BRENNER: But don't you have to know the
- 4 answers yourself in order to conclude that this is a QA
- 5 breakdown as opposed to a question on which the Staff
- 6 and LILCO disagree and upon which you may well agree
- 7 with the Staff and upon which the Staff may well be
- 8 right as distinguished from a QA breakdown?
- 9 WITNESS HUBBARD: I think not, because the
- 10 finding is pretty clear that it says there is no
- 11 system-level manual initiation for the RBCLCW system.
- 12 That is contrary to the requirement. It is not an
- 13 interpretation. So the Staff findings are pretty clear
- 14 that there is no system-level manual initiation and does
- 15 not provide signals.
- 16 JUDGE BRENNER: Is that an accurate
- 17 description in LILCO's view, given LILCO's response as
- 18 to what manual initiation there is for those systems?
- 19 WITNESS HUBBARD: LILCO's response says what
- 20 the LILCO response says.
- 21 JUDGE BRENNER: Yes. But you just made a
- 22 statement as if those were the facts, and I am asking if
- 23 you conclude that those are the facts?
- 24 WITNESS HUBBARD: I think even LILCO concludes
- 25 those are the facts. They state that there are some

1 additional facts. JUDGE BRENNER: We are probably at the point 3 you wanted to break, Mr. Ellis, unless you had one or 4 two quick questions you wanted to ask before we break. 5 MR. ELLIS: No, sir, we can break now. JUDGE BRENNER: Do you need extra time? We 7 can give you an hour and three-quarters, if you want it. 8 MR. ELLIS: I would appreciate it, but I am reluctant to ask for it. But, yes, we would like it. JUDGE BRENNER: We will come back at 1:45. 10 11 (Whereupon, at 12:00 noon, the hearing was 12 recessed, to reconvene at 1:45 p.m., this same day.) 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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	AFTERNOON SESSION
2	[1:50 p.m.]
3	JUDGE BRENNER: Okay, we are ready to go back
4	on the record.
5	MR. ELLIS: Judge Brenner, we have made some
6	adjustments for the convenience of the Board and the
7	parties, and we will be able to move ahead rapidly. I
8	anticipate finishing sometime tomorrow. In addition, I
9	want to return to something that may or may not be one
10	point that we were discussing before lunch, and I am not
11	sure that I will be able to do it but I want to attempt
12	it, and then I will move on.
13	Whereupon,
14	RICHARD B. HUBBARD,
15	the witness on the stand at the time of recess, resumed
16	the stand and was examined and testified further as
17	follows:
18	CROSS EXAMINATION Resumed
19	BY MR. ELLIS:
20	Q Mr. Hubbard, in connection with the cable
21	separation issue, did you review the original FSAR to
22	determine whether the original FSAR disclosed to the NRC
23	that the separation distance was measured from the
24	bottom of the top tray to the bottom of the side rail of

25 the bottom tray?

- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, you said the
- 2 original FSAR. Do you mean Revision 0 of the FSAR?
- 3 Q Yes, sir.
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I did not go back to
- 5 Revision 0 of the FSAR because when I received it, I
- 8 received it at some later revision. However, I would
- 7 think that the words we looked at this morning had been
- 8 in the FSAR for a number of years. My concern was not
- 9 with the words that were in the brackets in Chapter 3
- 10 but rather the lack of responsiveness in the answer and
- 11 223.12.
- 12 Well, your answer to my question, though, is
- 13 that you are not familiar with the original version, so
- 14 that if I showed you a copy you wouldn't be able to
- 15 recognize it -- a copy of a page from it, I'm sorry.
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, I assume that if it
- 17 has no revision numbers on it --
- 18 Q Yes.
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) -- that would in general
- 20 mean that it has never changed. However, I don't know
- 21 that as a fact. Usually the pages that change during a
- 22 particular revision are noted.
- 23 Q All right, Mr. Hubbard, let's move ahead now
- 24 to what you have denominated as alleged breakdowns 27
- 25 and 28, which you called a violation of Criterion 3.

- 1 The NRC did not label this a violation of Criterion 3,
- 2 did it?
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, it is an unresolved
- 4 item, 82-04-07.
- 5 Q All right. And would it be fair to say that
- 6 you have conducted no review of the FSAR or any
- 7 engineering assessment of matters listed on pages 29 and
- 8 30 under QA/QC breakdowns 27 and 28?
- 9 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I have not reviewed the
- 10 FSAR, and the only engineering analysis I have conducted
- 11 is to review the CAT report and the words in the CAT
- 12 report.
- 13 Q All right. Let's just look very briefly.
- 14 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 15 Let's look at the matter that you referred to
- 16 as the "inop" alarm being sounded when one loop of the
- 17 single RHR pump is operating. Well, let me restate
- 18 that. Let's look at the matter that you refer to
- 19 concerning the closure of a single RHR pump suction
- 20 valve giving or not giving an "inop" alarm. Are you
- 21 familiar with whether the Shoreham system gives any type
- 22 of indication under those circumstances?
- 23 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, I am not.
- 24 O So you are not at all familiar with the
- 25 Shoreham system of degraded alarms rather than "inop"

- 1 alarms?
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. I am not.
- 3 [Counsel for NRC conferring.]
- 4 Q If the NRC closes this matter out on the basis
- 5 of the explanation given by LILCO, assuming there is a
- 6 degraded alarm, would you agree with me then that there
- 7 is no violation of Criterion 3?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Not necessarily.
- 9 Q It might be or it might not be, is that right?
- 10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Tes.
- 11 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's move on. Let's go to page
- 12 31, at the bottom of page 30 and the top of page 31. As
- 13 I understand your testimony there. you are contending
- 14 that Criterion 16 is violated because the matter that
- 15 you have denominated QA/QC Breakdown 29 relating to the
- 16 configuration of penetrations X43 and XS-5 is
- 17 essentially the same as or similar to -- you call it a
- 18 similar situation to an IEE finding relating to the
- 19 location of containment isolation valves.
- 20 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I can understand your
- 21 confusion, Mr. Ellis. That sentence is not well
- 22 written. There are really two thoughts. The first
- 23 paragraph and the quote having to do with failure to
- 24 meet design criteria, and the second paragraph having to
- 25 do with similar have to do with another matter, which is

- 1 the matter of as close as practicable to the
- 2 containment. So the first paragraph and the quote go to
- 3 meeting the general design criterion in terms of the two
- 4 check valves, and the second paragraph, though it is not
- 5 written the way it should be written, has to ic with
- 6 locating CIVs as close as practical to containment.
- 7 Q I see. So there are the two matters that you
- 8 are saying are not related to one another. The
- 9 "similar" should be stricken; is that what you are
- 10 saying?
- 11 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The "similar," Mr. Ellis,
- 12 should have been stated that CIVs not located as close
- 13 as practical to containment was found by CAT and that is
- 14 similar to a previous finding that was 81-02-01. And to
- 15 help you out on that, at the bottom of page 4-27, the
- 16 CAT inspector says the inspector did note that the
- 17 licensee had not yet resolve the previous violation,
- 18 and that was 81-02-01. This violation cited a situation
- 19 where CIVs were not located as close as practical to
- 20 containment, and then some RHR systems, CIVs are located
- 21 similarly.
- 22 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 23 Q I see. Sc you are citing Criterion 16 there
- 24 because in your view the matter of whether CIVs were
- 25 located as close as practical to containment has not

- 1 been resolved as promptly as you think it should have
- 2 been? Is that the reason for your citing Criterion 16?
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 5 Q Are you aware of the NRC review and
- 6 consideration and discussion with LILCO on the matter of
- 7 the location of containment isolation valves?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I am generally familiar
- 9 with that, yes, Mr. Ellis, and I am familiar with the
- 10 recent letter from Mr. Pollock to the NRC. That is the
- 11 latest one I can recall, around October or so.
- 12 Q Are you familiar with the new studies relating
- 13 to CIVs at Shoreham?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I am not familiar with
- 15 studies in the sense of a study that I can recall being
- 16 docketed. I can recall information being provided about
- 17 how far certain CIVs were from containment, so there has
- 18 been some gathering of information. I wouldn't call it
- 19 a study, necessarily.
- 20 Isn't the proximity of CIVs to containment a
- 21 matter of engineering judgment and that there are no
- 22 specific distances provided by the regulations?
- 23 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, the regulations are
- 24 GDC 55, 56 and 57, correct? These are the regulations
- 25 you are referring to?

- 1 Q Would you like me to repeat my question?
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The regulations, I believe,
- 3 Mr. Ellis, say as close as practicable. I will get the
- 4 words out.
- 5 Q That is not necessary for my purposes, but
- 6 feel free to do so if you wish. My question asked you
- 7 whether the location of containment isolation valves,
- 8 the proximity of those to the containment was a matter
- 9 of engineering juigment and analysis and that no
- 10 specific distances are provided by the regulations;
- 11 isn't that correct?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) You are correct that no
- 13 specific distances are provided and that the regulations
- 14 do use the word "as close to the containment as
- 15 practical."
- 16 Q The first part of my question was whether you
- 17 also agreed that the proximity of the CIVs to the
- 18 containment was a matter of engineering judgment and
- 19 analysis.
- 20 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, to a degree.
- 21 Q Well, if the NRC accepts the judgments made by
- 22 LILCO in connection with the placement of CIVs, would
- 23 you agree with me that Criterion 16 would not be
- 24 applicable?
- 25 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Partially, yes. I still

- 1 feel that this is very late in the construction cycle to
- 2 be resolving this matter.
- 3 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's move ahead. On pages 40
- 4 and 41 of your testimony ... oh, I'm sorry. I was unduly
- 5 optimistic. Page 33 of your testimony. You have listed
- 6 there as a QA/QC Breakdown 32 the matter relating to
- 7 copper-nickel carbon steel bolts and nuts, and you state
- 8 down just prior to the quote from the CAT report, you
- 9 state that the inspector reviewed licensee actions to
- 10 replace corroded bolts and to prevent recurrence, and
- 11 concluded that -- and then you begin the quote. saying
- 12 "there was not an adequate program to identify and
- 13 replace."
- 14 Now, isn't it correct that that is not exactly
- 15 what the inspector said in his report? The inspector
- 16 didn't conclude that there was not an adequate program,
- 17 did he? He expressed concern.
- 18 'A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, if you turn to
- 19 page 4-30 of the CAT report, there is the bottom
- 20 paragraph which I think presents the LILCO view.
- 21 Q Well, wouldn't you be more accurate to state
- 22 that it represents the inspector's idea of the LILCO
- 23 view at that time?
- 24 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 25 Q Okay, go ahead.

- A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct, Mr.
- 2 Ellis. So that this paragraph says or states the
- 3 inspector's view of what LILCO was doing, and it states
- 4 from the inspector's point of view that the inspector
- 5 was concerned that the replacements might be done on
- 6 selective flanges only. It also presents his
- 7 understanding that LILCO thought or that LILCO was aware
- 8 of the corrosion problems and that there was still the
- 9 ASME certification and that the bolts and nuts on the
- 10 flanges were temporary. That was, I believe, his
- 11 understanding of the LILCO view.
- 12 And then the paragraph I used was that which I
- 13 felt that he concluded, then, after hearing the LILCO
- 14 explanation, that there was not an adequate program to
- 15 replace all, and that the corrective action to
- 16 date -- and that "all" dates back to the preceding
- 17 paragraph where it seemed to imply that the inspector
- 18 thought it was going to be some, not all -- and that the
- 19 corrective action to date had not involved appropriate
- 20 levels of management, and that he had a question about
- 21 whether it should have been reported to the NRC, which
- 22 also is broadly within Criteria 16 of the reporting of
- 23 significant conditions adverse to quality.
- 24 Q But the statement that precedes the language
- 25 that you quoted on page 33 says that the inspector

- 1 expressed concern, doesn't it?
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) On page 4-30, the bottom
- 3 paragraph, the words are "the inspector expressed
- 4 concern," yes.
- 5 Q No, those words there, Mr. Hubbard, reflect
- 6 the inspector's concern that only bolts and nuts
- 7 corroded substantially would be replaced and that this
- 8 might be done on selected flanges only. What I am
- 9 referring you to is that you on page 33 of your
- 10 testimony elected to quote from the top of page 4-31 and
- 11 characterize it as the conclusion, and that is where the
- 12 inspector again says he expressed concern; isn't that
- 13 right?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, sir. And you could
- 15 change the word "concluded that" to "expressed concern
- 16 that."
- 17 Q All right. You are aware, aren't you, that
- 18 the LILCO response makes clear that the problem had
- 19 previously been identified by LILCO and that a program
- 20 is presently under way which entails inspection of
- 21 flange joints and verification that the correct bolting
- 22 material has been installed, and I will direct your
- 23 attention to page 21 of the LILCO response, Suffolk
- 24 County No. 70.
- 25 [Pause.]

- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, excuse me. I
- 2 have found the LILCO corrective action on page 21, but
- 3 I'm not sure what your question was about that.
- 4 Q Well, my question was just to get you to
- a confirm that in fact this potential problem had been
- 6 previously identified by LILCO prior to the CAT
- 7 inspection and that a program was presently under way
- 8 entailing inspection of flange joints and verification
- 9 that the correct bolting material has been installed.
- 10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. What I read this to
- 11 say, Mr. Ellis, is that the potential problem had been
- 12 previously identified by LILCO, that is, previous to
- 13 CAT, and I believe that is consistent with the CAT
- 14 report. And a program is presently under way. That
- 15 would seem to be a new thought after CAT, that there now
- 16 is a program which is under way.
- 17 Q Well, to you also interpret the specification
- 18 addended in the response by EEDCR number given there, I
- 19 think it is F25-229C, to have eben done after the CAT
- 20 inspection?
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. That looks like a
- 22 pratty early number. Assuming that they were done in
- 23 order, that looks like one from a previous year,
- 24 previous to 1982.
- 25 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]

- 1 Q You don't know one way or the other whether
- 2 the program that is referred to in the response was
- 3 planned or implemented prior to the CAT inspection?
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know for sure, Mr.
- 5 Ellis, but my judgment would be that if there was a
- 6 program that was already in place that was addressed,
- 7 then the IE inspector would not have stated his concern
- 8 that this replacement might be done on selected flanges
- 9 only.
- 10 Q That is, unless he was not presented with the
- 11 program at the time that he was on site with this
- 12 inspection; isn't that right?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. However,
- 14 in other parts of the CAT report it does talk about
- 15 things that were being in change. For example, at 4-29,
- 16 in the paragraph before the bottom paragraph it talks
- 17 about the inspector looked at an FSAR change that was in
- 18 process. Also, at, oh, 4-34, the next to the bottom
- 19 paragraph, that talks about looking at selected
- 20 isometrics and approved EEDCRs, and as a matter of fact,
- 21 if one goes all the way back to 4-15 where it talks
- 22 about the inspector again, in the paragraph 3.1.1, in
- 23 the middle of that it talks about how the inspector
- 24 compared the installed components to the drawings as
- 25 modified by EEDCRs, and there are other references to

- 1 EEDCRs as modifying drawings.
- So I think the inspector took into account
- 3 what was going on. For example, there is another
- 4 example of that on page 4-39 on the leakage teturn
- 5 system.
- 6 MR. ELLIS: Judge Brenner, I don't think this
- 7 is responsive to my question.
- 8 WITNESS HUBBARD: That there was an item of
- 9 pressure indicator.
- 10 JUDGE BRENNER: Wait a minute, Mr. Hubbard. I
- 11 don't remember the question any more, to be honest with
- 12 you.
- 13 MR. ELLIS: I asked him whether he knew
- 14 whether the inspector had been presented with this
- 15 particular program.
- 16 JUDGE BRENNER: I am going to allow him to
- 17 complete the answer. The answer is he doesn't know.
- 18 But once you ask him whether he knows things about what
- 19 the NRC inspector knew, I am going to give him leeway to
- 20 apply his judgment as to why he thinks what he does, and
- 21 you might consider whether we are wasting time asking
- 22 this witness whether he knows certain things once you
- 23 establish what his knowledge is, I would certainly
- 24 invite you to ask up until the point of establishing his
- 25 knowledge.

- But go shead and finish up, Mr. Hubbard, as to
- 2 what you think the inspector took into account as part
- 3 of your judgment of what the inspector had in mind. One
- 4 of these days we are going to find out very efficiently
- 5 what the inspector had in mind, I presume.
- 6 WITNESS HUBBARD: Well, the last indication I
- 7 had of what the inspector had taken into account was on
- 8 page 4-39 in the top paragraph, the second item. It
- 9 says pressure indicator 640C had been removed for work
- 10 and so it looks to me like the inspector did write down
- '1 if he saw things were removed for some reason or an
- 12 EEDCR was attached to a drawing or things of that
- 13 nature, he tried to take that into account if that
- 14 information was presented to him.
- JUDGE BRENNER: Well, would you admit that
- 16 that is kind of a little remote in terms of trying to
- 17 figure out what the inspector had in mind on the item
- 18 you were asked about? It is not a real strong
- 19 indication one way or the other as to the item you were
- 20 asked about, is it?
- 21 WITNESS HUBBARD: That is, I guess, where you
- 22 and I disagree; that there have been questions
- 23 repeatedly about what did the NRC inspector take into
- 24 account, and I think a careful reading of the CAT report
- 25 shows that the inspector took account of FSAR changes in

rely upon what you said -- I want you to know this, and

I think you would agree with me, in fact -- as direct

helpful in terms of understanding your thinking on the

point, and someday we will find out more directly, as I

evidence of what the inspector had in mind. It is

20 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]

have said a number of times.

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- BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 2 Q Mr. Hubbard, your conclusion that the
- 3 corrective action measures are inadequate under
- 4 Criterion 16, would that conclusion be changed if the
- 5 NRC accepted the LILCO response?
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. And the reason for
- 7 that is that the LILCO response has come after the CAT
- 8 observation by the inspector.
- 9 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) A further expl ation might
- 11 be that the corrective action, as outlined by LILCO now,
- 12 appears to be adequate to me; so I think the corrective
- 13 action -- well, I think the corrective action now is
- 14 adequate. But the question was would LILCO have taken
- 15 that corrective action without the spur of the CAT
- 16 inspector.
- 17 Q Do you know whether in fact the LILCO response
- 18 has been accepted by the NRC?
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, it has been accepted
- 20 by the NRC in the November 4th letter, Mr. Ellis. And I
- 21 assume it would still be reviewed by IEE to see that in
- 22 fact it has been implemented. It hasn't been closed out
- 23 as an IEE observation yet.
- 24 Q Mr. Hubbard, let's move ahead now to page 36
- 25 and 37 of your testimony where you cite the as-built

- 1 program as being incomplete at the time of the CAT
- 2 inspection according to the CAT inspector, as being a
- 3 violation of Criteria 2, 3, 5 and 6. The CAT inspector
- 4 did not so find, did he?
- 5 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, he did not.
- 6 Now, your position is that the as-built
- 7 program at Shoreham was not established at the earliest
- 8 practicable time, as you state on page 37 of your
- 9 testimony, isn't that right?
- 10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 11 Q It is fair to say, isn't it, that in order to
- 12 do an as-built you have to wait until the plant is
- 13 virtually built, don't you?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No.
- 15 Q Do you have any firsthand experience in
- 16 determining when as-built programs should be implemented
- 17 on the construction of nuclear power plants?
- 18 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. However, I think that
- 19 you are always inspecting a plant to drawing, so you are
- 20 always verifying that the plant is built to the
- 21 drawings. That is a continuing process.
- (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 23 Well, when you just answered my question you
- 24 indicated that there should be continuous inspections to
- 25 see if the plant is being built in accordance with the

- 1 construction drawings. Is that -- this continuous
- 2 process, is that your understanding of the term
- 3 "as-built program?"
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) If the plant were built to
- 5 the drawing throughout the time that complete
- 6 construction, both electrical and mechanical, then one
- 7 would not need much of an as-built verification program
- 8 at the end of the process in my judgment.
- 9 Q But that is not -- this continuous process of
- 10 checking is not what is meant by "as-built" in this
- 11 instance, is it, Mr. Hubbard?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I think it is, Mr. Ellis.
- 13 JUDGE BRENNER: Mr. Hubbard, is it your
- 14 testimony that the NRC inspectors on this item
- 15 criticized or cited or use whatever words you want
- 16 without getting into the technical enforcement jargon,
- 17 LILCO for failing to develop a program to compile the
- 18 as-built information by a time when the inspector found
- 19 that that program should have been developed and the
- 20 as-built information compiled?
- 21 Is that what the CAT inspection report says,
- 22 starting at page 29 to 30 of the CAT inspection, because
- 23 that is what your heading says or implies on page 36 of
- 24 your testimony.
- 25 (Pause.)

- 1 WITNESS HUBBARD: What was your question
- 2 again, Judge Brenner?
- 3 JUDGE BRENNER: I will have it read back.
- 4 (The Reporter read the record as requested.)
- 5 WITNESS HUBBARD: Judge Brenner, I think the
- 6 CAT finding is that the as-built program was incomplete,
- 7 and my finding, which is the top heading of QA/QC
- 8 Breakdown 39, is that I would have expected that by this
- 9 point in time the as-built program would have been
- 10 leveloped, plus --
- JUDGE BRENNER: But did the NRC inspector make
- 12 that finding?
- 13 WITNESS HUBBARD: Judge Brenner, as I said
- 14 before, the NRC inspector in the third paragraph on page
- 15 30 found that the program was still incomplete for
- 16 mechanical, and in the electrical area he found that he
- 17 didn't -- his last sentence -- he didn't even inspect it
- 18 because of the incomplete status. That is what the NRC
- 19 inspector found.
- 20 I admittedly departed from the NRC inspector's
- 21 point of view and said in my judgment if you had a
- 22 timely 2A program, the as-built program would have been
- 23 established by this point in time. We're talking about
- 24 February when we were talking about September fuel load.
- 25 JUDGE BRENNER: My problem is when you take

- 1 those excerpts coupled with your heading on page 36 and
- 2 the quotations under that heading, and in your testimony
- 3 and indeed in the excerpts you orally just took from the
- 4 CAT inspection, that implies very directly that the NRC
- 5 inspector in stating what he stated, that the program
- 6 was incomplete, was making a judgmental adverse finding;
- 7 that is, stating that it is incomplete in a pejorative
- 8 sense as distinguished from a factual report of the
- 9 status and assigning the item a number so that he could
- 10 follow up on it when the status is appropriate for
- 11 followup.
- 12 And those are two very different things, and
- 13 't appears to me that the NRC inspector -- you are free
- 14 to disagree with the NRC inspector -- but it appears to
- 15 me the NRC inspector is merely taking the latter course
- 16 and not making any adverse findings or pejorative
- 17 statements in using the word "incomplete" contrary to
- 18 your heading which uses the word "failure." And that is
- 19 my problem.
- 20 WITNESS HUBBARD: Well, I could understand
- 21 your problem because you have to have a context, I
- 22 guess, for how I made my judgment; that at the March
- 23 meeting that LILCO made a presentation to Mr. Denton on
- 24 March 15. They presented -- "they" being LILCO --
- 25 presented the eight additional programs they were doing,

- ! including the as-built piping and the various
- 2 electrical, the CABTRAP and CABRAP and all of that --
- 3 well, the eight additional programs.
- 4 I looked and thought well, why would all of
- 5 these additional programs be going on late in the
- 6 construction cycle to somehow get agreement between what
- 7 was built and what was on the drawings. And my judgment
- 8 is that one of the reasons that this is going on late in
- 9 the cycle, admittedly a good program, but it is going on
- 10 late in the cycle because earlier in the cycle there was
- 11 a lack of control.
- Now, that is my judgment.
- 13 JUDGE BRENNER: Do you agree with me that a
- 14 reasonable reader could infer from your testimony that
- 15 what you are talking about is the NRC inspector's
- 16 judgment rather than your own judgment, starting in item
- 17 IV.A.17 in your testimony due to the way you've
- 18 juxtaposed your statements and the heading and the
- 19 excerpts from quotations from the CAT report?
- 20 WITNESS HUBBARD: Judge Brenner, if that were
- 21 to be misinterpreted, that was not my intent, and that
- 22 is why I included the entire CAT inspection as an
- 23 exhibit. I mean the CAT inspection says what it says,
- 24 and I drew my own inferences which, as you have noted,
- 25 in many cases are different from what the NRC drew from

- 1 the same data.
- 2 But at no time -- and that is why I included
- 3 the entire CAT report so there is no question about what
- 4 it said.
- 5 JUDGE BRENNER: Well, I personally speaking
- 6 for myself, have a problem on this item with the way you
- 7 presented the factual reporting of what is in the
- 8 inspection report as distinguished from drawing
- 9 different judgments once you have agreed on the factual
- 10 reporting made by the NRC inspector. And I will just
- 11 leave it at that.
- 12 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 13 Q Mr. Hubbard, let me just follow up on one
- 14 item. It is fair to say, isn't it, that you did not
- 15 draw your conclusions from the same data that the
- 16 inspector drew his conclusion from? You drew your
- 17 conclusions from what the inspector said. You didn't
- 18 see the data he did.
- 19 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, there seem to be
- 20 multiple parts to that. I will try to make sure I
- 21 answer it.
- I did not see the data that the inspector
- 23 relied upon, but I think I relied on some data that the
- 24 inspector also may not have seen; that I attended the
- 25 March 15th meeting where these additional programs were

- 1 discussed, and I also obtained through discovery the
- 2 progress reports plus the program reports for these
- 3 eight additional programs.
- 4 So part of my judgment here on QA/QC Breakdown
- 5 39 was this additional information that I had received
- 6 from what is documented in the CAT report. So I put
- 7 them all together.
- 8 0 Mr. Hubbard, let's move on to page 39 where
- 9 you list a matter as a breakdown regarding adequate
- 10 technical specifications. The technical specifications
- 11 are not final at this time or at the time of the CAT
- 12 inspection, isn't that right?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct, Mr.
- 14 Ellis. The record should be clear that these are the
- 15 proposed technical specifications.
- 16 Q And there is not a requirement that every
- 17 system be included in the tech specs, isn't that right?
- 18 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct, Mr. Ellis.
- 19 Q And it is also correct, isn't it, that what is
- 20 ultimately put in the tech specs is a matter of
- 21 discussion and negotiation between the applicant and the
- 22 staff and is a matter of judgment.
- 23 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct. And there
- 24 are standard technical specifications for the GE BWRs
- 25 also that are used.

- 1 Q Well, you will agree with me that the matters
- 2 referred to in your paragaphs a) and b) on pages 39 and
- 3 40 are not the matters that are in the standard GD BWR
- 4 tech specs, are they?
- 5 (Pause.)
- 6 A (HITNESS HUBBARD) I am not familiar, Mr.
- 7 Ellis, with whether the systems are in the standard of
- 8 tech specs. This particular item was addressed in a
- 9 followup NRC inspection 82-23.
- 10 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 11 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) And, for example, at that
- 12 time the dry well floor seal pressurization was included
- 13 in the Shoreham technical specs at that time.
- 14 Q What time are you referring to?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) This was an IEE Report
- 16 82-23. That was September 16th, and it was a followup
- 17 to an unresolved item 80-09-01 which had to do with
- 18 containment system tech spec requirements. And that
- 19 talks about the latest draft of the Shoreham tech specs,
- 20 included a limiting condition for operation and
- 21 surveillance requirements of the dry well floor seal
- 22 pressurization system. That is one of the ones listed
- 23 in item a), Breakfowns 41 and 42.
- 24 O Doesn't the fact that appears there, isn't
- 25 that a reflection of the fact that the tech spec

- 1 formulation process involves the addition and refinement
- 2 of provisions as time goes by?
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I think that is true, Mr.
- 4 Ellis. I don't have a big disagreement with that. I
- 5 think in hindsight I would have left this one out,
- 6 particularly the Part A. The Part B I think is possibly
- 7 a little bit different where some of the list was not
- 8 accurate. But I think in general when I saw this I
- 9 thought well, there is some concern about the accuracy
- 10 of the tech spec. In hindsight I think maybe I am less
- 11 concerned about it.
- (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 13 Q All right, Mr. Hubbard. So that we are clear
- 14 with respect to that item on the technical specs, the
- 15 CAT inspector iii not find that to be a violation of
- 16 Appendix B, did he?
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, he did not. That was
- 18 listed as unresolved item number 82-04-15.
- 19 Q And so that we are also clear, the NRC CAT
- 20 inspector did not use the term "QA/QC breakdowns," did
- 21 he?
- 22 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. He said that the
- 23 discrepancies in the proposed technical specifications
- 24 regarding safety-related snubbers and the apparent
- 25 omission of tech specs for plant unique systems are

- 1 considered a weakness and are assigned item number
- 2 322/82-04-15.
- 3 Q And, indeed, with respect to the entire CAT
- 4 report, the term "QA/QC breakdown" is never used by the
- 5 CAT inspector, is it?
- A (WITNESS HUBBARD) To the best of my knowledge
- 7 that term is not used, Mr. Ellis.
- 8 Q Mr. Hubbard, the CAT inspector did find four
- 9 violations, four deviations and eight -- I'm sorry --
- 10 eight deviations and four observations. Now, in order
- 11 to reach that conclusion is it apparent to you from the
- 12 CAT report that the inspector made an attempt to assess
- 13 a number of factors concerning the findings that he made?
- 14 MR. LANPHER: I object to that question. I
- 15 just don't understand it. It is vague. Did he attempt
- 16 to assess a number of factors -- I really don't know
- 17 what he's referring to.
- 18 MR. ELLIS: Let me restate the question.
- 18 JUDGE BRENNER: It is vague. I know where
- 20 you're going, and I think Mr. Lanpher knows where you're
- 21 going. But he is also correct that it should be
- 22 expressed on the record even if those of us here are
- 23 with you.
- 24 3Y MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 25 Q Mr. Hubbard, you will agree with me, won't

- 1 you, that in order for IEE to have made a judgment
- 2 concerning the significance of the various findings that
- 3 it considered a number of factors, including the
- 4 engineering significance of the items. Do you agree
- 5 with that?
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know what the NRC
- 7 evaluated in citing significance. For example, at page
- 8 4-13 where there is a summary of inspection results,
- 9 they do use the word "significant" in the first
- 10 paragraph where they talk about deviations from FSAR.
- 11 They say what they thought were the more significant of
- 12 those.
- 13 Q They list just two there, don't they?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Those were the two that --
- 15 yes, Mr. Ellis.
- 16 Q Well, is it your testimony that all of these
- 17 items, with the exception of the tech spec 1 that you
- 18 have just had second thoughts about, that all of these
- 19 items you've listed as QA/QC breakdowns are major?
- 20 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I hesitate to use the word
- 21 "major." It would seem to me that you have to take all
- 22 of this together, and taking it all together I would
- 23 conclude that altogether these represent important
- 24 information about how the QA/QC program operated.
- 25 Q Well, you say you hesitate to use the word

- 1 "major" because you think they collectively provide
- 2 important information. You didn't hesitate to use the
- 3 word "major" on page 41 of your prefiled testimony,
- 4 though, did you, Mr. Hubbard, where you state, "Rather,
- 5 the evidence is clear that there have been major QA/QC
- 6 breakdowns." And the reference there, if you will look
- 7 up above, is to the preceding 43 examples of recently
- 8 discovered QA/QC breakdowns.
- 9 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) In the context, Mr. Ellis,
- 10 I was using "major" there. It is major when you look at
- 11 the preceding 43 examples. I didn't say there has been
- 12 a major QA/QC breakdown. I said there have been major
- 13 QA/QC breakdowns.
- 14 Q And you think that those 43 alone demonstrate
- 15 that, don't you?
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, no. Turning on to
- 17 page 42, the first paragraph, I say that the 43 involve
- 18 basically the RHR system plus the auxiliary and
- 19 supporting systems for that. And then I conclude that
- 20 the breakfowns identified by CAT and then the others in
- 21 the IEE reports in Attachments 2 and 5, that you put
- 22 this all together, and it seems to me that there is
- 23 evidence of a breakdown in the Shoreham QA/QC program
- 24 implementation.
- 25 Q So by themselves they are not probative then,

- 1 is that what you are saying? Strike that.
- By themselves they are not QA/QC breakdowns or
- 3 show that the program did not comply with Appendix B.
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I wouldn't say that, Mr.
- 5 Ellis. That, for example, the two different violations
- 6 of general design criteria, if I were -- I would say
- 7 what would I as a QA/QC manager expect then. I would
- 8 say well, we looked at one system, the RHR, and its
- 9 supporting systems. And we found -- "we" being the NRC
- 10 in this case -- found two GDC, that there was apparently
- 11 a lack of conformance. There are two parts in the
- 12 regulations -- the IEEE 279 and the GDC.
- And I would say based upon that if I were to
- 14 go look at the other 30 safety systems, I would be
- 15 fairly confident I would find other places where the
- 16 GDCs were violated or at least there was an
- 17 interpretation problem with LILCO. And that is really
- 18 what I would like at CAT, that if you look at the total
- 19 of these 40 some examples, what does that tell me about
- 20 the rest of the plant. And it would tell me that there
- 21 is a potential for problems in other areas of the plant
- 22 that have not been looked at by something like CAT.
- 23 Q Well, Mr. Hubbard, what I want to know is
- 24 whether it is your position that looking at what you've
- 25 listed as 1 through 43 by themselves is sufficient to

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1 enable you to conclude that the LILCO program did not
  2 comply with Appendix B.
  3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) My conclusions, Mr. Ellis,
  4 on page 44, and my bottom line conclusion is that all of
  5 the things in CAT and the I&E reports lead me to believe
 6 that there is substantial foubt concerning the actual
 7 quality achieved. And that is why I recommended that
 8 there be an independent design review and physical
 9 inspection.
 10 Q I understand that. You said that more than
 11 once now, Mr. Hubbard. My question was -- and perhaps I
 12 ought to have it read back.
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            (The Reporter read the record as requested.)
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- 1 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes.
- 2 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 4 Q Mr. Hubbard, you stated in your testimony that
- 5 because of your view of the status of the LILCO manuals,
- 6 QA Manuals, that you did not review them in preparation
- 7 for your prefiled testimony. Do you recall that?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, Mr. Ellis. This was
- 9 -- that is not an accurate statement, that I didn't
- 10 review them. The testimony says, and we're talking
- 11 about operating QA now and not design and construction.
- 12 Q Well, let me just ask you directly. Have you
- 13 reviewed in detail prior to the preparation of your
- 14 written testimony the LILCO and Stone and Webster
- 15 construction QA Manuals?
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know what you mean
- 17 by "in detail." However, I did obtain and read over the
- 18 Shoreham or the LILCO and the Stone and Webster QA
- 19 Manuals prior to writing this testimony, the ones for
- 20 design and construction. But the emphasis on my
- 21 testimony was not on were there manuals because every
- 22 plant I have been to has had a stack of manuals a foot
- 23 high. The real thing I was concerned about was were the
- 24 things in the manuals implemented. And so what I have
- 25 tried to do in my testimony is go on design and

- 1 construction to focus on implementation.
- And there is another reason for that, that
- 3 basically in an operating license hearing I didn't think
- 4 the Board wanted testimony to say that the design and
- 5 construction manual was inadequate, that the program was
- d already approved at the PSAR stage.
- 7 (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 8 MR. ELLIS: Judge Brenner, we propose to move
- 9 on beyond the CAT inspection at this time. Whatever the
- 10 Board wishes, I am prepared to go ahead if that is what
- 11 the Board wishes.
- (The Board conferred.)
- 13 JUDGE BRENNER: We will let you proceed.
- 14 WITNESS HUBBARD: Judge Brenner, it would be
- 15 helpful to me to have a break in about no more than
- 16 about 10 minutes, if that would be helpful.
- 17 JUDGE BRENNER: That is about when we were
- 18 planning on. Why don't you pick a convenient point at
- 19 about 3:15, 5 . Ellis?
- 20 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir. One thing I would like
- 21 to do now, Judge Brenner, is not on my list, but I think
- 22 it would be appropriate to do it before the break.
- 23 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 24 0 Mr. Hubbard, would you look, please, at pages
- 25 55 and 56 of your testimony? And look also at pages

- 1 4-10 and 4-11 of an MHB report dated April 1980,
- 2 entitled "Improving the Safety of LWR Power Plants," and
- 3 confirm for me, if you would, please, that there is a
- 4 verbatim extraction of language from that report to your
- 5 testimony in 1982?
- 6 JUDG, BRENNER: Could you give me the page
- 7 reference in the testimony again, Mr. Ellis?
- 8 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir. It is 55 and 56.
- 9 WITNESS HUBBARD: Mr. Ellis, I am at 55 and 56.
- 10 MR. ELLIS: Yes. Then it goes over to 57, too.
- 11 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 12 Q Let me be specific to help you, Mr. Hubbard.
- 13 Beginning where it says "In partial response," down to
- 14 the term "nuclear reactors" at the end of the first
- 15 paragraph. Do you see that? That paragraph in your
- 16 testimony on page 55 is directly from the references I
- 17 gave you to that MHB report, isn't it? That is on 4-10.
- 18 A '(WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes. That is the same
- 19 paragraph with the addition of the deficiencies in the
- 20 IEE program are not new concerns. I wrote the one in
- 21 the MHB report, and I wrote this.
- 22 Now look down at the next paragraph, the
- 23 Sandia studies final report. Do you see that paragraph
- 24 beginning on the bottom of page 55 and going over to 56
- 25 and going over to the word "ultrasonic test data"?

- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct.
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) It doesn't come from 4-11,
- 4 but it is consistent with page 4-11.
- 5 Q Well, I mean the words are the same, aren't
- 6 they?
- 7 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) You used the word where it
- 8 came from, and it is the same, yes.
- 9 Are you saying that the words in the MHB study
- 10 also came from yet another source, another report?
- 11 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, I fon't know, Mr.
- 12 Ellis. I wrote the words in the MHB report, and it is a
- 13 description I have used for some period of time to say
- 14 what the Sandia report is and why the Sandia report was
- 15 done.
- 16 Q Well, in any event, the words are the same,
- 17 aren't they?
- 18 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The words are the same.
- 19 Q Now look down at the paragraph on the GAO
- 20 study that says, "In 1978" through the quote that ends
- 21 on page 57.
- 22 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) What is the question?
- 23 Q That also comes from, I believe, 4-11, doesn't
- 24 it, with the exception of the statement that you have
- 25 got on the bottom of page 56 indicating, "which may

- 1 result in QA deficiencies going undetected." Is that
- 2 right?
- 3 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is right. I added
- 4 those words, and I used the same quote from the GAO
- 5 report, and I wrote what is in the MHB report, and I
- 6 wrote this. And I am talking about the same thing.
- 7 MR. ELLIS: Judge, we would like to renew our
- 8 request to be advised of other areas where testimony may
- 9 have come from another source either written by Mr.
- 10 Hubbard or not.
- JUDGE BRENNER: You're going to have to remind
- 12 me of the transcript reference, if necessary, and also
- 13 to update me as to what occurred off the record pursuant
- 14 to our direction that certain things occurred since this
- 15 matter was last discussed last week.
- 16 MR. ELLIS: I am delinquent in that respect
- 17 because they did not occur off the record, and I will do
- 18 that at the break.
- 19 JUDGE BRENNER: Is my recollection correct
- 20 that I told the parties to talk about it?
- 21 MR. ELLIS: That is correct. And I am
- 22 delinquent in that respect.
- 23 JUDGE BRENNER: Well, if this is going to come
- 24 back before us, we want the transcript reference to when
- 25 it came up. And I think there are at least two perhaps

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1 and also what transpired in terms of the parties'
 2 discussions with each other and thy they failed to reach
 3 an accommodation for each other, given the things we
 4 said on the record for guidance.
             Why don't we take a break at this point and
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 6 come back at 3:30.
             (Whereupon, the hearing was recessed, to
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 8 reconvene at 3:30 p.m., this same day.)
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- JUDGE BRENNER: Tomorrow we are supposed to
- 2 receive the report of the parties on the agreement or
- 3 the divergent position, if they are divergent, on the
- 4 scheduling of the testimony on the contentions which we
- 5 had deferred due to the still-ongoing Staff review. Are
- & we going to be able to receive a written report on that
- 7 the first thing in the morning or at the end of the day
- 8 today?
- 9 MR. LANPHER: My understanding, Judge Brenner,
- 10 is that meetings are going on on that right now. And I
- 11 don't know, I don't think our people are contemplating a
- 12 written report. I suppose we could get a call in to the
- 13 people if -- I didn't understand that that is what you
- 14 wanted.
- JUDGE BRENNER: I don't remember how I left
- 16 it. My recollection is vague at this point.
- 17 MR. LANPHER: I was planning to be talking
- 18 with the people, and I am sure Mr. Ellis, too, after we
- 19 adjourn today.
- 20 JUDGE BRENNER: I think it would be helpful to
- 21 the Board to get a written report as early as possible
- 22 tomorrow morning, and we will hold off discussing it
- 23 until we have had a chance to read it. But we will be
- 24 prepared to discuss it later on in the day. And I won't
- 25 set a particular time, but as soon as practicable

- 1 tomorrow, to get that written report. We have looked at
- 2 it a little bit preliminarily curselves.
- 3 And I think as the parties have probably found
- 4 by now as they are involved in the exercise, it is
- 5 important to know in addition to the items we talk about
- 6 -- that is, the contentions for which testimony has been
- 7 deferred -- that it would also include a precise,
- 8 defined, definite schedule for the wrapping up of OQA
- 9 through the Staff report on that inspection. And in
- 10 fact, in the sequence of what we are going to litigate
- 11 when, to factor that in in terms of filing of Staff
- 12 reports, filing of testimony, and litigation in
- 13 sequence, recognizing we can adjust the sequences as we
- 14 get to it, but at least to have a plan for the
- 15 sequence. So we would like that to be folded into the
- 16 process.
- 17 KR. BORDENICK: Were you talking about a joint
- 18 report or a separate report?
- 19 JUDGE BRENNER: We would prefer a joint
- 20 coordinated report. If that is not possible, separate
- 21 reports where at least the parties have talked to each
- 22 other.
- 23 MR. BORDENICK: I guess I have less of a
- 24 problem with the first part of what you said. As
- 25 regards the Staff on the situation with OQA, I have not

- 1 been in touch with the people at least in the last
- 2 couple of tays. So I will need to do that. Well, I was
- 3 going to work on another matter first thing in the
- 4 morning, but sometime tomorrow on the OQA aspect.
- JUDGE BRENNER: All right, let's put off the
- 6 whole report until either the end of the day tomorrow,
- 7 the whole written report until the end of the day
- 8 tomorrow or first thing Friday morning. But when I say
- 9 first thing, I mean like 8:00 o'clock. We want time to
- 10 talk about it before we come back on as a board before
- 11 we come back on the record. And that way the matter of
- 12 the Staff's OQA report, we are looking towards very
- 13 early January, given the exit interview of December 15.
- 14 And, of course, you should talk further to the region.
- 15 But I think that is consistent with the preliminary
- 16 report we got when Mr. Starastecki was here.
- 17 MR. BORDENICK: I also need to talk, I think,
- 18 to Mr. Dynner and the LILCO people. But I guess we can
- 19 10 that tomorrow.
- 20 JUDGE BRENNER: I am afraid that unless we
- 21 plan this, we will be sitting up there on Long Island
- 22 with nothing to do on a day or two of a given week, and
- 23 I don't propose to travel up there and have a hearing
- 24 for one day and then find out we have run out of things
- 25 for the rest of that week. And that could happen, and

- 1 you will see what I mean when you get fown to planning
- 2 things.
- 3 MR. BORDENICK: I assume the Board would like
- 4 some further scheduling from the parties on Torrey Pines?
- 5 JUDGE BRENNER: Well, I think we have done
- 6 Torrey Pines.
- 7 MR. BORDENICK: Thus far we have done the
- 8 filing of testimony. I don't recall whether we have
- 9 done -- well --
- 10 JUDGE BRENNER: I think the only one we left
- 11 open was whether you want to pick a date certain on the
- 12 week of January 11 or whether we just wanted to be in a
- 13 position to litigate it as early as January 11. But we
- 14 would be flexible in pushing it beyond that. And as I
- 15 also vaguely recall, I think we told the parties they
- 16 could hold off on telling us whether they wanted a date
- 17 certain until the week before, approximately. I think I
- 18 suggested a date of around January 5 for that
- 19 information, or thereabouts. So I think we are set on
- 20 Torrey Pines.
- 21 MR. BORDENICK: You are right on that.
- JUDGE BRENNER: That's the guidepost you
- 23 have. Then you have to figure out what you are going to
- 24 litigate in what sequence after Torrey Pines as well as
- 25 the possibility of litigating something the week of

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1 January 4. And it is the end of that week that I am
 2 worried about, among other weeks, although maybe that
 3 worry will come to naught if we are still doing this.
             MR. LANPHER: Judge Brenner, could we go off
 5 the record for a moment?
             JUDGE BRENNER: Sure.
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             (Discussion off the record.)
             (Whereupon, the hearing was recessed, to
9 reconvene at 3:58 p.m., this same day.)
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- JUDGE BRENNER: Let's go back on the record.
- 2 MR. BORDENICK: Judge Brenner, I have
- 3 discussed the matter with counsel for the Applicant and
- 4 the County. And the response that I got to my
- 5 discussion with them was that they wanted to think about
- 6 what I had indicated. And I thought perhaps the Board
- 7 might want to do the same. So I will bring to the
- 8 Board's attention the same matter that I brought to the
- 9 attention of counsel for the parties.
- Briefly, to put the matter in context, the
- 11 parties, of course, filed their QA/QC testimony
- 12 simultaneously. As a result, of course, the Staff did
- 13 not have the benefit of Mr. Hubbard's testimony at the
- 14 time we were preparing and filed our testimony. After
- 15 examing Mr. Hubbard's testimony, as has been discussed
- 16 over the last several days, it discusses extensively the
- 17 so-called CAT inspection. When we got the testimony, it
- 18 was our judgment that one of our Staff panel members,
- 19 Mr. Higgins, could adequately address any questions that
- 20 the parties or the Board might have regarding that
- 21 inspection.
- 22 However, as a result of principally Mr. Ellis'
- 23 questioning, it seems to me that we might reach a point
- 24 where Mr. Higgins or other members of the panel, I think
- 25 they will be able to address questions, obviously, of

- 1 what they looked at and what LILCO told them or didn't
- 2 tell them and that type of questioning. But once you
- 3 cross a potential threshold of engineering judgments, we
- 4 may reach a point where members of the panel indicate
- 5 that they really aren't qualified to address the given
- 6 question.
- 7 It turns out that I have made arrangements for
- 8 Mr. Stewart Ebnetter (phonetic), who is one of the
- 9 Engineering Division, I think Branch Chiefs, to sit with
- 10 me at the time the panel was up. And what I would
- 11 propose to do -- I am not moving at this time and I
- 12 don't contemplate in the future moving to add him to the
- 13 panel -- but I have requested that the Region send me a
- 14 copy of his professional qualifications. And I would
- 15 pre-serve those on the Board. And if we get to the
- 16 point where any party or the Board feels that he should
- 17 be answering questions, then you will have had the
- 18 benefit of previously looking at his qualifications.
- 19 As I said, I am not really moving to add him.
- 20 I am just pointing out that principally because of the
- 21 questioning by Mr. Ellis, that it has occurred to me
- 22 that we might get into a situation where principally Mr.
- 23 Higgins or other members of the panel may not feel
- 24 qualified to answer a question. Again, I am not moving
- 25 for anything. I just brought it to the attention of the

- 1 parties, and their reaction was they wanted to think
- 2 about it, and perhaps the Board would like to do the
- 3 same.
- 4 JUDGE BRENNER: All right, we will think about
- 5 it. We can decide that very quickly. As I recall, Mr.
- 6 Ebnetter signed the CAT inspection report as the IE
- 7 supervisor.
- 8 MR. BORDENICK: That is correct.
- 9 JUDGE BRENNER: I think it entirely possible
- 10 and perhaps probable that you are going to need, the way
- 11 things have now developed, you are going to need
- 12 somebody who can for the Staff state the Staff's view of
- 13 the significance, meaning lessons to be drawn from, et
- 14 cetera, from the items in the CAT inspection, both as to
- 15 what the inspectors thought at the time of the
- 16 inspection, at the time of writing the report, and what
- 17 the Staff now thinks given the responses given to date,
- 18 and any further inquiry undertaken by the Staff.
- 19 And if Mr. Higgins or other members of the
- 20 panel that you plan to put on are not going to be
- 21 capable of doing that, I think you are going to have a
- 22 problem and the record will have a problem.
- 23 MR. BORDENICK: I think my problem right now
- 24 is I can't predict whether there will be a problem or
- 25 there won't be a problem. My instincts tell me there

- 1 could well be a problem, and this is why I have
- 2 approached the parties and the Board. The Board I am
- 3 sure is aware of the fact that we will be moving to add
- 4 to our panel as a result of the OQA inspection. But
- 5 this is a separate matter from that. And also it is a
- 6 more immediate problem since it now appears that the
- 7 Staff will start testifying next week.
- 8 JUDGE BRENNER: It seemed to me -- and maybe I
- 9 am the only one who thought of this and maybe I am so
- 10 removed from the case planning that the parties have to
- 11 do that this is completely erroneous -- but it seemed to
- 12 me, given the nature of part of the case on the part of
- 13 both the County and LILCO, that each of those parties,
- 14 both of those parties, would want to be in a position to
- 15 ask the Staff questions about the CAT inspection.
- 16 The County's witness has placed heavy reliance
- 17 on it. I don't think that's an exaggeration. And
- 18 cross-examination has attempted to distinguish the
- 19 County's conclusions from what the Staff's conclusions
- 20 might have been. And once you've gone that far with
- 21 both these parties, it seems to me the record would be
- 22 benefitted -- and I am not reaching the point of saying
- 23 essential -- but it seems to me the record would be
- 24 benefitted greatly by being able to directly hear from
- 25 the Staff witnesses on those points.

- And given that, you might even want to leap
- 2 ahead of having somebody in reserve, and if you now know
- 3 that Mr. Higgins alone -- and we shouldn't single him
- 4 out, you have other witnesses. But he is the one who
- 5 most promintently comes to mind in terms of involvement
- 6 in the CAT inspection of those who you have proposed to
- 7 be on the witness panel. And maybe I am forgetting
- 8 somebody, but I think he is the only one who was
- 9 involved in the CAT inspection.
- 10 MR. BORDENICK: I think he is the only one
- 11 directly involved.
- 12 JUDGE BRENNER: And you have to judge for
- 13 yourself as to how extensive his involvement was. But
- 14 you may want to have somebody else up there from the
- 15 beginning as opposed to hopping back and forth. But
- 16 that is up to you and the parties. And we will think
- 17 about it. When will the parties know?
- 18 MR. BORDENICK: Well, I have requested that
- 19 Mr. Ebnetter send a copy of his qualifications down. I
- 20 will serve that on the Board and the parties as soon as
- 21 I get it. I can't speak for the other parties as to
- 22 when they are going to make their decision. But as I
- 23 say, if the parties and the Board want to proceed with
- 24 the panel as is and see how far we can go, at least Mr.
- 25 Ebnetter will be here with me. So there won't be any

- 1 delay in getting him down here.
- JUDGE BRENNER: That was going to be my
- 3 question. He is going to be physically here anyway?
- 4 MR. BORDENICK: That is the present
- 5 arrangement I have. But he was going to more or less be
- 6 my technical consultant while the panel was testifying.
- JUDGE BRENNER: All right. Why don't the
- 8 parties resolve this and tell us Tuesday morning. Now,
- 9 the Staff is going to have to help the parties, and you
- 10 may have already by giving them a feel to the extent you
- 11 can for how far the panel can go in answering the
- 12 questions of the type and the category I mentioned,
- 13 without somebody clse on the panel. And you, in turn,
- 14 are entitled to an indication from the parties as to
- 15 whether they intend to ask those questions. As I said,
- 16 I might be completely wrong.
- 17 MR. BORDENICK: Well, in my mind, the latter
- 18 aspect is fairly crucial, since I can't predict what
- 19 they are going to ask my panel.
- 20 JUDGE BRENNER: Okay. I think the record
- 21 would be benefitted. And if the parties think that is
- 22 not the case -- I don't have any current cross plans
- 23 from which I can judge. That is why I am a little bit
- 24 more in the dark than I usually am on this. For all I
- 25 know, the people you propose can answer pretty much all

- 1 of the questions in the area.
- 2 MR. BORDENICK: It may well turn out to be
- 3 that way.
- 4 JUDGE BRENNER: So let the parties talk about
- 5 it, and we will think about it also, so we will not be
- 6 hearing it for the first time when we come back to it on
- 7 Tuesday morning. That will be the earliest that the
- 8 Staff will take the stand, so it will not be too late to
- 9 discuss that, and we will know more on Friday as to
- 10 whether they will even take the stand on Tuesday. Okay.
- 11 MR. EARLEY: Judge, before we start, I have a
- 12 couple of things. I handed out a revised QA cross
- 13 plan. And upon sitting down here and reviewing it, I
- 14 note that it ate several sections. So before anybody
- 15 gets enthusiastic, several sections have been omitted.
- 16 I will have a revised copy done up and deliver that
- 17 first thing in the morning. But I think it should
- 18 outline where we are going this afternoon since we are
- 19 going to section 5 of the cross plan. And that should
- 20 take up the rest of the afternoon.
- 21 And on the matter of identifying areas in Mr.
- 22 Hubbard's testimony coming from various documents, the
- 23 County has given us a list of five sections from the
- 24 testimony indicating various documents it came from.
- 25 And we may come back to that in our cross plan. We have

- 1 to take a look at those.
- JUDGE BRENNER: Now that we have given you a
- 3 long resc, Mr. Elis, you may proceed.
- 4 MR. ELLIS: Thank you, Judge Brenner. And
- 5 specifically where I think I will start right now will
- 6 be on 5 on the subject generally referred to in 5.E.
- 7 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 8 Q Mr. Hubbard, on page 51 of your testimony you
- 9 indicate that the IEE program is deficient because it
- 10 has no objective baseline criteria to measure
- 11 quantitative -- or quantitatively compare the
- 12 effectiveness of the Shoreham quality program. Is it
- 13 your testimony that such a baseline criteria is a
- 14 regulatory requirement?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes. In the broad sense.
- 16 Q Which regulation do you rely on?
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, I went back and was
- 18 trying to figure out why you even have an IEE program.
- 19 And the documents I read said that it was in response to
- 20 the original Atomic Energy Act that the Commission was
- 21 to have some evidence that the commitments had in fact
- 22 been implemented. And one of those commitments is the
- 23 quality assurance program. But I can't cite you a
- 24 regulation in the paragraph.
- 25 Q Are you done, Mr. Hubbard?

- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 3 judgments as to the effectiveness of a quality assurance
- 4 program at a nuclear power plant without the use of what
- 5 you term "objective baseline criteria"?
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Could we have that question
- 7 read back, please?
- 8 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir.
- 9 (The reporter read the record as requested.)
- 10 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, I believe that a person
- 11 can make subjective judgments based upon experience.
- 12 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 13 Q And are those subjective judgments reliable?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Not necessarily.
- 15 Q In what circumstances would they not be
- 16 reliable?
- 17 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) They might not be reliable
- 18 for a number of reasons. I haven't really thought of
- 19 that all, Mr. Ellis, but they might be unreliable
- 20 because of inadequate data; they might be inadequate
- 21 because not enough aspects have been looked at, so it
- 22 would be like both depth of review and extent of review
- 23 -- that is, both parts of data. It might be that there
- 24 was some bias in the way the samples were selected on
- 25 which the judgments were made, so that extrapolation was

- 1 not proper. Those would be some examples.
- 2 Q Mr. Hubbard, you mentioned amount of data. Is
- 3 there a sufficient amount of fata available with respect
- 4 to Shoreham to enable an IEE person to make judgments as
- 5 to the effectiveness of the Shoreham QA program without
- 6 the aid of what you termed an "objective baseline
- 7 criteria"?
- 8 A (WITNESS AUBBARD) No. I think there is
- 9 enough evidence to indicate that there is a problem.
- 10 But there is not enough evidence to indicate that there
- 11 is no problem. And it also has to do with how the
- 12 evidence was selected. While one might be able to reach
- 13 that conclusion by the expenditure of 7-10,000 hours, it
- 14 would have to be structured in advance if the samples
- 15 one had taken could be statistically extrapolated.
- 16 Q I see. So that the 7-10,000 hours that IEE
- 17 has spent on Shoreham, in your opinion, is sufficient
- 18 provided that statistical sampling techniques have been
- 19 employed to select the samples of things that they look
- 20 at. Is that right?
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is possible, that if
- 22 you used the statistical techniques and had a pretty
- 23 defined program of how you were going to reach your
- 24 conclusion, that with 7-10,000 hours you might be able
- 25 to conclude that the program had been effectively

- 1 implemented.
- But the way that the NRC has spent their
- 3 7-10,000 hours doesn't allow one to make that type of
- 4 extrapolation. So it would be possible, but the program
- 5 isn't structured that way.
- 6 Q You have indicated that there is not enough
- 7 data with respect to Shoreham to say that there is no
- 8 problem. Isn't it fair to say that the data that exists
- 9 -- strike that.
- 10 You said there was not enough data to say that
- 11 there was no problem but that there was enough data to
- 12 say there is a problem. Isn't it fair to say that at
- 13 best if you say there is not enough data to say there is
- 14 no problem, there is also not enough data to be certain
- 15 that there is a problem?
- 16 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I would, in general, be in
- 17 agreement with your statement, but you added the word
- 18 "certain," to be "certain there is a problem." I think
- 19 based upon the data that the NRC has collected, as I
- 20 stated in the testimony, there is substantial doubt
- 21 about the effectiveness of implementation.
- (Counsel for LILCO conferred.)
- 23 Q Is it your testimony that an experienced,
- 24 qualified IEE person cannot make comparisons between
- 25 Shoreham and other stations he reviews without the aid

- 1 of what you have termed "objective baseline criteria"?
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No. I think he can make
- 3 some comparisons, but I think they would be very
- 4 subjective. I testified in the Diablo Canyon proceeding
- 5 and the Board asked the NRC people, how would you
- 6 compare the Diablo Canyon to other plants? And the
- 7 answer was, well, it's about the same. And I have heard
- 8 that in other proceedings.
- And in my own personal opinion, that sort of a
- 10 statement doesn't have a lot of value in terms of the
- 11 real assessment of the implementation of a QA/QC
- 12 program. If you want to know how well it was done, you
- 13 can say there are statistical techniques that talk about
- 14 confidence levels. You can say, I looked at these
- 15 attributes, and based upon that I have this degree of
- 16 confidence. I think that type of answer is more
- 17 meaningful than the more subjective-type answer that I
- 18 previously cited.
- 19 Q Mr. Hubbard, is it fair to say that any
- 20 attempt to develop objective baseline criteria in fact
- 21 involves substantial judgments, subjective judgments on
- 22 the part of those attempting to develop it?
- 23 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes. I think that is true,
- 24 Mr. Ellis, that it is subjective or it takes judgment in
- 26 the sense that one would have to make a judgment of what

- 1 things would need to be looked at and get peer review on 2 that. For example, you might want to see how the
- 3 purchasing is going, so you would say, okay, one of the
- 4 things we are going to look at is purchase orders.
- 5 Another might be we are going to look at radiographs.
- 6 And so judgment would have to be made in selecting which
- 7 items would be looked at.
- And then also, judgment would have to be made
- 9 on what type of statistical reliability one is
- 10 interested in. But once you have made those judgments,
- 11 then you would have a path by which you could reach your
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- 1 Q In addition to that, wouldn't you have to make
- 2 judgments as to sample size and where to draw the
- 3 boundaries between samples with respect to issues like
- 4 homogeneity of the samples?
- 5 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Sample size would fall out
- 6 somewhat based upon your confidence that you were trying
- 7 to obtain and based upon the total size of the
- 8 population, and then on homogeneity there are tests and
- 9 stratified sampling technniques that are available to
- 10 address that.
- 11 Q But aren't judgments still involved in those
- 12 issues?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I think that judgments are
- 14 involved in statistical sampling techniques, but the use
- 15 of statistics validates the judgments in the sense that
- 16 one can take a small sample and extrapolate that to an
- 17 entire population on a reasoned basis.
- 18 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 19 Q It is fair to say, Mr. Hubbard, isn't it, that
- 20 the IEE does not use what you term objective baseline
- 21 criteria anywhere, not just with respect to Shoreham,
- 22 but anywhere? Isn't that right?
- 23 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is not correct, Mr.
- 24 Ellis.
- 25 Q All right. Would you tell me where I&E uses

- 1 the objective baseline criteria that you refer to?
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, one example I have is
- 3 that at the Marble Hill project where there were
- 4 problems with concrete, the NRC said that a statistical
- 5 sampling program should be set up to get a certain
- 6 degree of confidence in the previous concrete
- 7 inspections, so they made use of sampling in that case.
- 8 Another case was the Diablo Canyon independent
- 9 design review program. Well, the staff felt that the
- 10 statistics could not be used in all cases and had some
- 11 reservations about it. As part of their order, they did
- 12 ask the independent auditor to hire a statistician and
- 13 to make a presentation on what the information might
- 14 mean statistically, and I think this is also consistent
- 15 with what applicants -- well, those are two examples
- 16 that come to mind.
- 17 A third set of examples that would come to
- 18 mind is that when a problem is found at a site like the
- 19 EEDCR problem that LILCO found back in the '76 time
- 20 period, one way of answering those is to go out and take
- 21 a random sample based upon statistical bases and then
- 22 from that make a judgment, and that is exactly the way
- 23 LILCO did it, and I have seen utilities do that before
- 24 in response to violations that were found, and the NRC
- 25 was find that was an acceptable way of answering the

- 1 question.
- 2 Well, the examples you gave, Marble Hill and
- 3 Diablo Canyon, in your discussion, that type of
- 4 reverification, use of statistics were as a tool for a
- 5 narrow area such as concrete at Marble Hill, that is not
- 6 the use of the statistical method for a completed
- 7 program over a long period of time, is it?
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No, but it is indicative of
- 9 the fact that it could be used.
- 10 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 11 Q The examples you gave, Mr. Hubbard, were, I
- 12 take it, examples of what you consider to be objective
- 13 baseline criteria?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 15 MR. ELLIS: Judge Brenner, that is all the
- 16 questions I was going to ask on Roman V-E. Shall I
- 17 proceed?
- 18 JUDGE BRENNER: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 20 Q Mr. Hubbard, look at 53 of your testimony.
- 21 Would you tell me, please, for clarification, whether
- 22 the phrase "important to safety" as it appears on the
- 23 fifth line from the bottom on page 53 is used in the
- 24 same sense as "important to safety" and that it stands
- 25 for the same set as on page 9 of your testimony?

- [Pause.]
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Mr. Ellis, I only have one
- 3 definition of important to safety, and that is the
- 4 definition used by Mr. Danton. That is the definition
- 5 of important to safety I have in mind.
- 6 Q Yes, but my question was more specific, Mr.
- 7 Hubbard. Important to safety, as you have testified,
- 8 includes the subset of sefety-related and also includes
- 9 another subset of important to safety but not safety
- 10 related. Ty question is are the same sets referred to
- 11 on page 53 as on page 9?
- 12 A (WITWESS HUBBARD) The intent is to have the
- 13 same group co .. As Judge Morris pointed out, my
- 14 writing on page 9 was not very artful. But my intent is
- 15 clear: there is to be a QA program for items important
- 16 to safety, and I intend my definition of important to
- 17 safety to be consistent with that used by Mr. Denton in
- 18 his memo,
- 19 Q So you stand by the testimony you gave
- 20 previously on which subset was referred to on these two
- 21 pages?
- MR. LANPHER: Cobject to that.
- 23 WITNESS HOBBARD: I don't understand.
- JUDGE BRENNER: You see how much easier it is
- 25 when you let the witness object for you in ficer terms?

- 1 MR. LANPHER: I think I have been very
- 2 restrained.
- 3 JUDGE BRENNER: He doesn't understand the
- 4 question, and I don't understand the question either.
- 5 MR. ELLIS: Well, there was previous
- 6 testimony, and I don't have the transcript page number,
- 7 that is the problem, so I will have to get that.
- 8 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 9 On the bottom of page 53 of your testimony,
- 10 Mr. Hubbari, you stated when I went through the errata
- 11 that it was a hard question whether the term "staff" on
- 12 the fourth line from the bottom should be NRR. Is that
- 13 because you are uncertain whether NRR does in fact
- 14 review QA/QC with respect to a number of items,
- 15 structures, systems and components that are not safety
- 16 related?
- 17 MR. LANPHER: I object. We went through this
- 18 before.
- JUDGE BRENNER: He didn't ask that question
- 20 before. If he did, I don't remember it.
- 21 HR. LANPHER: I believe he was asking
- 22 questions about, well, doesn't the staff look at QA for
- 23 turbines and this sort of thing, or for stop valves. I
- 24 think he has been through this.
- 25 JUDGE BRENNER: I just don't remember that

- f particular question. There is no doubt he asked
- 2 questions about way he made that change or whether that
- 3 change was appropriate.
- 4 MR. LANPHER: Then I will withdraw the
- 5 objection, Judge Brenner, as long as there is no
- 6 characterization of his prior testimony. If he wants to
- 7 ask the questions again, that will be fine.
- 8 JUDGE BRENNER: All right.
- 9 MR. ELLIS: I have no problem with that.
- 10 JUDGE ERENNER: I think the characterization
- 11 was mild. It was only as to the fact that there was a
- 12 change.
- MR. ELLIS: I will rephrase the question,
- 14 Judge Erenner.
- 15 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 16 Q Mr. Hubbard, do you know whether NRR reviews
- 17 structures, systems and components, the QA/QC with
- 18 respect to structures, systems and components that are
- 19 not safety related?
- 20 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't believe -- no, they
- 21 don't. I do not believe that NRR systematically reviews
- 22 the QA program for items important to safety.
- 23 Q All right. What do you mean by
- 24 systematically? Are you saying that they do review some
- 25 but they don't do it in a systematic way?

- A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I have seen no evidence at
- 2 Shoreham that the Staff or the NRR, which is you
- 3 question, during design and construction or operation
- 4 has reviewed a QA program of LILCO that addresses items
- 5 important to safety. It gets back to an earlier
- 6 question that you had, Mr. Ellis, that when I reviewed
- 7 the LILCO construction QA program, I saw that that was
- 8 only addressed to safety-related items, not the broader
- 9 category of items important to safety. So they couldn't
- 10 review it on Shoreham because there isn't a program at
- 11 LILCO that addresses items important to safety in a
- 12 systematic manner.
- 13 Q Mr. Hubbard, you have said that there was no
- 14 evidence that NRR had reviewed any items that are not
- 15 safety related at Shoreham. Has NRR published any
- 16 guidance on QA requirements for items other than safety
- 17 related?
- 18 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Do you mean a regulatory
- 19 guide, Mr. Ellis?
- 20 Any kind of guide -- or guidance, I'm sorry.
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I am not aware that they
- 22 have. My understanding in discussions with Mr. Haass
- 23 and his testimony on 7B is that the Staff is still
- 24 developing criteria by which to review QA program for
- 25 GD:-1 compliance. I have a new report from EG&G that

- 1 the Staff just had done for them where the Staff -- this
- 2 was published in November, where items for both BWRs and
- 3 PWRs are ranked in importance to safety and then graded
- 4 QA guidelines are assigned. This is still a draft
- 5 report, but my understanding is this guidance is now
- 6 being developed. But it was always intended that this
- 7 guidance be provided. That was my previous testimony.
- 8 JUDGE BRENNER: Is that the same report that
- 9 the parties and the Board received under cover of a
- 10 letter from Staff counsel in the case? The EGG-EA-6109,
- 11 dated November '82, identification and ranking of
- 12 nuclear plant structures, systems and components and
- 13 graded QA guidelines? Is that the one?
- 14 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, sir. That is to me an
- 15 example of the type of guidance that the Commission is
- 16 developing now, and consistent with what Mr. Haass had
- 17 previously testified.
- 18 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 19 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 20 Q Would it be fair to say, Mr. Hubbard, that you
- 21 ion't know one way or the other whether the Staff
- 22 reviews any items that are not safety related at
- 23 Shoreham with respect to QA and QC?
- 24 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) No.
- 25 Q You do know that it reviews some or do you

- 1 know that it reviews none that are not safety related?
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, I know that the SER
- 3 prepared by the Staff addresses only in Section 17.2
- 4 safety-related items, and that is consistent with the
- 5 LILCO operational QA manual which addresses, only with
- 6 the exception of perhaps fire protection, safety-related
- 7 items. So I don't know how the Staff can be reviewing a
- 8 program for items important to safety where I am unaware
- 9 that any such program in a systematic manner exists.
- 10 Q You are under the impression, therefore, that
- 11 the only review is pursuant to Section 17 of the FSAR
- 12 and not under some other mechanism?
- 13 MR. LANPHER: I object to that question. A
- 14 review pursuant to Section 17. I don't know what he
- 15 means by review pursuant to Section 17 of the FSAR.
- JUDGE BRENNER: I'm not sure either, Mr.
- 17 Ellis, and you changed the terminology from your
- 18 previous question, so even if there is a consistency, it
- 19 isn't immediately apparent.
- 20 [Counsel for LILCO conferring.]
- 21 JUDGE BRENNER: That is, even if Mr. Hubbard
- 22 knows and can answer the question, the record would have
- 23 trouble putting that answer together with your previous
- 24 two questions.
- 25 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)

- 1 Q Well, you mentioned fire protection as one
- 2 nonsafety-related area that is reviewed by NRR. Can you
- 3 think of any others?
- 4 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I did not say that fire
- 5 protection was reviewed by NRR, Mr. Ellis. There are
- 6 some IEE reviews of the QA program as it relates to fire
- 7 protection, but I am not aware that NRR reviewed that
- 8 aspect of the LILCO QA program. The NRR review, to the
- 9 best of my readings, only uses the word "safety-related."
- 10 Q Well, maybe my question has not been -- let me
- 11 be more specific. Are you aware or do you know whether
- 12 NRR or IEE, any portion of the Staff, reviews any of the
- 13 quality assurance or quality control aspects of
- 14 nonsafety-related structures, systems and components?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I believe NRR addresses
- 16 only safety-related in the QA review. The I&E's QA
- 17 review may in some cases go beyond safety-related.
- 18 However, I get back to at Shoreham the operations QA
- 19 manual is in general limited to addressing
- 20 safety-related items, so there is no program that I&E
- 21 could review for items important to safety other than
- 22 the one in the appendices for items such as fire
- 23 protection.
- 24 Q Well, without regard to whether there is a
- 25 program or not, my question, Mr. Hubbard, is whether the

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1 QA and QC aspects relating to specific structures,
 2 systems and components are reviewed by the Staff, and
 3 I'm talking about those that are not safety-related.
        A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know.
        Q Let's turn next -- Mr. Hubbard, you cite the
 6 Sandia study on pages 55 and 56. It is true, isn't it,
 7 that a number of the recommendations in that study,
8 including direct inspection and testing of hardware and
9 evaluation of radiographic and ultrasonic test data,
10 have been ione by the NRC at Shoreham?
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- 1 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct, Mr.
- 2 Ellis. But other recommendations such as the
- 3 application of QA to elements not safety-related but
- 4 important to safety have not been implemented by the
- 5 NRC. So the recommendation of Sandia about applying
- 6 Appendix 8 to other items with important safety
- 7 significance has not been implemented.
- 8 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 9 O Mr. Hubbard, it is also true, isn't it, that
- 10 the Sandia study does not conclude, as you did, that the
- 11 IEE effort is too limited to permit IEE to reach an
- 12 informed conclusion concerning the adequacy or the
- 13 implementation of programs?
- 14 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know what sentence
- 15 you are looking at in conclusion. If you would point me
- 16 to a particular sentence I could comment on that, Mr.
- 17 Ellis.
- 18 Q How about just answering my question?
- 19 MR. LANPHER: Judge Brenner, if he is
- 20 referring to a specific aspect of Mr. Hubbard's
- 21 testimony, there is a lot of writing, and I think it is
- 22 entirely proper to direct Mr. Hubbard where it is.
- JUDGE BRENNER: Yes. I think so, too. He was
- 24 paraphrasing on page 56, Mr. Hubbard, your testimony
- 25 there.

- 1 MR. LANPHER: About the middle of the page.
- JUDGE CARPENTER: Line 9.
- 3 (Pause.)
- 4 WITNESS HUBBARD: I'm sorry. I would like the
- 5 question read back. I don't understand.
- 6 (The Reporter read the record as requested.)
- 7 WITNESS HUBBARD: I am not aware that Sandia
- 8 makes that quote, Mr. Ellis. It may here in this
- 9 study. But as I state at the bottom of 55, that the
- 10 report says that further improvements are warranted of
- 11 both industry quality programs and NRC regulation of
- 12 these programs.
- 13 MR. ELLIS: I thought my question was simpler
- 14 than that. Let me try again.
- 15 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 16 Q You testified that the IEE effort -- an I'm
- 17 referring to page 56 -- is too limited to permit IEE
- 18 from reaching an informed conclusion. My question to
- 19 you is -- oh, you say that LILCO has complied with
- 20 Appendix B.
- 21 My question to you is that the Sandia study
- 22 which you refer to in your testimony does not reach any
- 23 general conclusion, foes it, that the IEE effort is too
- 24 limited to permit IEE to reach an informed conclusion?
- 25 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is my opinion, that

- 1 the IEE effort has been too limited to reach an informed
- 2 conclusion. An informed conclusion in my context
- 3 included the use of statistical techniques to be able to
- 4 say with some degree of reliability that the program has
- 5 in fact been implemented.
- 6 Q I understand that, but I just wanted you to
- 7 confirm for me that that conclusion that you have is not
- 8 a conclusion that is reached by the Sandia study.
- 9 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is my conclusion, Mr.
- 10 Ellis.
- 11 JUDGE BRENNER: Yes, but you're not answering
- 12 the question, Mr. Hubbard, and I'm sure ou're not
- 13 appreciating that you are not. You see, we understand
- 14 it is your conclusion. That doesn't tell us whether it
- 15 is also Sandia's conclusion or rather whether it is your
- 16 conclusion, although not Sandia's conclusion. You see,
- 17 those are two different cases, both consistent with your
- 18 answer. And I think that is what Mr. Ellis wants to get
- 19 at.
- 20 WITNESS HUBBARD: It is my conclusion. It is
- 21 not the Sandia conclusion.
- 22 (Counsel for LILCO conferring.)
- 23 MR. ELLIS: Judge Brenner, this is one of
- 24 those sections that we referred to earlier as having
- 25 other origins, but at most I think what we will do is

- 1 tomorrow we will have a means of doing that very
- 2 briefly. I don't propose to do any more of that today.
- 3 JUDGE BRENNER: Well, you already did some of
- 4 that as to this. I mean even prior to the immediate
- 5 questions.
- 6 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 7 Q Mr. Hubbard, on page 56 through 58 you discuss
- 8 a GAO study, and on page 57 you point out that there
- 9 were eight items deficient in the review of the Shoreham
- 10 IEE reports. And you set forth the nature of those on
- 11 page 58.
- 12 Do you think that description of the nature of
- 13 them fairly represents the conclusions of GAO with
- 14 respect to the significance and nature of those items?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, first of all, yes.
- 16 These numbers are right from the GAO report at page 13,
- 17 and these are exactly GAO's words on the two sets of
- 18 numbers.
- 19 I would have liked more information than GAO
- 20 provided on what the content of the 13 deficiencies
- 21 were, but I was not able to obtain that from the GAO
- 22 report.
- 23 Q You say you were not able to obtain more
- 24 information from the report. Let me hand you, Mr.
- 25 Hubbard, an excerpt from the report, and it will be page

- 1 12, 13, and 31.
- And, Juige Brenner, I guess it would be
- 3 appropriate to mark this as an exhibit.
- 4 Would this be 50, Judge Morris?
- 5 JUDGE MORRIS: Yes. That would be LILCO
- 8 Exhibit 50.
- 7 (The document referred to
- 8 was marked LILCO Exhibit
- 9 No. 50 for
- 10 identification.)
- JUDGE BRENNER: And these are excerpts, the
- 12 pages you indicated, from the report which is fully
- 13 identified in Footnote 52 on page 56 of Mr. Hubbard's
- 14 testimony, as I understand it.
- 15 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir. I think the EMD number
- 16 is in the righthand corner of the cover page.
- 17 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 18 Q Mr. Hubbard, would you turn to page 12 of
- 19 LILCO Exhibit 50 and read, if you would, please, the
- 20 bottom paragraph aloud, please.
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes. "We discussed these
- 22 deficiencies with NRC regional personnel. Based upon
- 23 our findings and NRC's responses, we concluded that 31
- 24 of the 45 inspection report items, about 69 percent,
- 25 were deficient in some manner. We note, however, that

- 1 some of these items are insignificant and others reflect
- 2 our judgment as opposed to NRC's. Also, while we did
- 3 not attempt to determine the safety significance of
- 4 these inspection deficiencies, NRC does not consider any
- 5 of them major safety concerns or items of noncompliance
- 6 with regulatory requirements."
- 7 O That is information, isn't it, that is
- 8 available in the GAO report? That is certainly
- 9 pertinent to the nature of those eight findings or
- 10 observations that you rely on and that are set forth on
- 11 page 13 of Exhibit 50, LILCO Exhibit 50.
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes. That is important,
- 13 Mr. Ellis, that the GAO always presents what the
- 14 person's being audited opinion is, and this was the
- 15 NRC's opinion as of that day. But you still have to go
- 16 back to what the recommendations of GAO are, and those
- 17 are shown on the front page: that they recommended to
- 18 improve inspection and reporting practices, that to use
- 19 the inspector's time and talents more efficiently, and
- 20 better documented inspection findings.
- 21 JUDGE BRENNER: Do you think all of those
- 22 conclusions are fully consistent?
- 23 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes.
- 24 JUDGE BRENNER: One might argue that if you
- 25 increased the time spent putting fully alequate details,

- 1 in GAO's view, in the reports, that might affect the
- 2 inspector hours spent on inspection which GAO also
- 3 criticized as part of the quote you read. That is why I
- 4 asked the question.
- 5 WITNESS HUBBARD: What was the question, Judge
- 6 Brenner?
- 7 JUDGE BRENNER: The question was do you think
- 8 those inclusions, which you just read, by GAO, whether
- 9 you think they are all consistent?
- 10 MR. LANPHER: Consistent with each other,
- 11 Judge Brenner?
- 12 JUDGE BRENNER: Yes. I'm sorry. Consistent
- 13 with each other. Thank you.
- 14 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, I think they are
- 15 consistent with each other.
- JUDGE BRENNER: And I also added the reason I
- 17 asked, it appears that they would be happier if -- not
- 18 happier, but one of the things they criticized was the
- 19 lack of detail in the reports, in the inspection
- 20 reports; and they also criticized the underutilization
- 21 of what they termed the professional inspector and time
- 22 spent on inspections.
- 23 WITNESS HUBBARD: Yes, sir. That is what is
- 24 in paragraph 1 and 2 of this exhibit. I mean you read
- 25 that the inspectors did their work without proper

- 1 attention to detail and accepted inadequate corrective
- 2 actions from utilities. And it goes on.
- I think that what is reported in the GAO
- 4 report is then consistent with the recommendations, but
- 5 they have an obligation to report everybody's view, and
- 6 they did that. They said this is what the NRC's view is.
- JUDGE BRENNER: Well, I asked you for your
- 8 view, because part of what we're looking at is the NRC
- 9 inspection effort at Shoreham, and you in turn relied in
- 10 part on the GAO report.
- 11 MR. ELLIS: Shall I proceed?
- 12 JUDGE BRENNER: Are you not finished, Mr.
- 13 Hubbard? I thought you were.
- 14 WITNESS HUBBARD: I thought you had asked why
- 15 did I rely on the GAO report.
- JUDGE BRENNER: No. I just commented that you
- 17 did.
- 18 WITNESS HUBBARD: That is correct.
- 19 BY MR. ELLIS: (Resuming)
- 20 Mr. Hubbard, confirm for me, please, that with
- 21 respect to Shoreham the eight items that they found
- 22 deficient, there is no indication, is there, in the
- 23 report whether any of those eight are included in the
- 24 categories on page 12 that were deemed either
- 25 insignificant or reflecting GAO's judgment as opposed to

- 1 NRC's.
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) There are some multiple
- 3 parts to that. I could not find anything, Mr. Ellis, in
- 4 the GAO report that talked about Shoreham specifically
- 5 so I could break out Shoreham from these numbers.
- 6 Q My point, Mr. Hubbard, is a fairly simple
- 7 one. You see the eight deficiencies that you referred
- 8 to on page 57 of your testimony and appear on page 13 of
- 9 the LILCO Exhibit 50?
- 10 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, sir.
- 11 Q You don't have any way of knowing, do you,
- 12 whether those are among the items that the GAO said at
- 13 the bottom of page 12 were either insignificant or
- 14 reflected GAO's judgment as opposed to NRC's judgment?
- 15 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Well, I know that the eight
- 16 are part of the 31 that are referred to on page 12 of
- 17 LILCO Exhibit 50, but I don't know which of those eight
- 18 are further broken down.
- 19 Q Well, your answer to my question then is you
- 20 don't know whether any of the eight are either
- 21 insignificant as noted by the GAO or reflect a
- 22 difference in judgment between the GAO and NRC?
- 23 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct, Mr. Ellis.
- 24 Q Mr. Hubbard, you referred to the quote on the
- 25 cover page of LILCO Exhibit 50. Do you see that? Do

- 1 you see the quote on the cover page?
- 2 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes.
- 3 Q Do you know whether the writers of the report
- 4 wrote that or whether that is some sort of precis or
- 5 summary?
- 6 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I don't know who wrote
- 7 this, Mr. Ellis, but I think I can find those words
- 8 given time in the body of the report.
- 9 Q Would you undertake to do that tonight and let
- 10 us know? I frankly could not find it. It is the
- 11 language, is it not, that you quote at the top of page
- 12 57 in your testimony?
- 13 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Yes, it is.
- 14 Q Well, you may well find that we just didn't
- 15 have a sharp enough eye. And I would appreciate it if
- 16 you could.
- 17 Mr. Hubbard, with respect to the GAO report,
- 18 do you consider it relevant whether or not the NRC
- 19 agreed or disagreed with any of the findings or
- 20 recommendations?
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I think it is relevant. I
- 22 also think that what the NRC has done in the intervening
- 23 years is relevant. So the NRC had some opinion or
- 24 responses at the time of the GAO audit. I think their
- 25 response to the same questions today is also relevant.

- 1 Q All right. You said that you think what the
- 2 NRC said is relevant. Turn to page 31 which is the
- 3 final page of LILCO Exhibit 31 and confirm for me, if
- 4 you will, please, at the bottom of the page an
- 5 indication that the NRC did not agree with certain
- 6 specific conclusions and recommendations in the handling
- 7 by GAO of data in the report.
- 8 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) I'm sorry, Mr. Ellis. What
- 9 was your question?
- 10 Q Let me repeat it. You indicated that whether
- 11 the NRC agreed or disagreed with the findings and
- 12 conclusions would be relevant, and now I'm directing
- 13 your attention to page 31 and asking you to confirm for
- 14 me, please, that on page 31 at the bottom there are
- 15 specific, three specific areas where the NRC indicated
- 16 that it did not agree with the conclusions and
- 17 recommendations or handling of data by the GAO.
- 18 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) That is correct.
- 19 Q And for the record would you just read those
- 20 three, please, sir?
- 21 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) The first one was use of
- 22 manpower utilization data. The second one was the use
- 23 of construction craftsman interviews as an inspection
- 24 technique. And the third one was the need to improve
- 25 inspection documentation and reporting practices.

- 1 Q So looking back then at the front cover of
- 2 LILCO Exhibit 50, two of the three that are stated there
- 3 by the GAO are -- well, disagreed -- let me start again.
- 4 The NRC disagrees with two of the three that
- 5 are stated on the cover of LILCO Exhibit 50 by the GAO,
- 6 isn't that right?
- 7 Strike that question and let me ask it this
- 8 way.
- 9 How many of the GAO recommendations on the
- 10 cover page of LILCO Exhibit 50 does the NRC disagree
- 11 with?
- 12 A (WITNESS HUBBARD) Maybe it is just late in
- 13 the day, but the words don't exactly compute back and
- 14 forth.
- 15 JUDGE BRENNER: Let me try. In the portion on
- 16 the cover of LILCO Exhibit 50 for identification which
- 17 you in turn quoted at page 57 of your testimony there
- 18 are three conclusions which could have been set off by
- 19 bullets that were set off by two dashes in your
- 20 testimony and on the report.
- 21 Mr. Ellis' question is do you agree that as
- 22 stated in the GAO report itself that the NRC disagrees
- 23 that two of those conclusions are valid?
- 24 WITNESS HUBBARD: That wasn't his question.
- 25 He withdrew that one.

- JUDGE BRENNER: Is that right, Mr. Ellis?
- WITNESS HUBBARD: He asked me just where did
- 3 they disagree.
- 4 MR. ELLIS: Judge Brenner, your question that
- 5 you asked was the question I asked previously, and
- 6 because I didn't want to limit it to two or the three, I
- 7 changed it to how many of the three on the cover page
- 8 did the NRC indicate that it disagreed with.
- WITNESS HUBBARD: If I go down them, the first
- 10 one, use of manpower utilization data, that was not one
- 11 of the three recommendations.
- 12 JUDGE BRENNER: Wait a minute. Your second
- 13 question is still dealing with the quotation on the
- 14 cover, is that right, Mr. Ellis? Or am I missing the
- 15 boat completely?
- 16 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir.
- 17 JUDGE BRENNER: So we still have those three
- 18 conclusions.
- 19 MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir.
- 20 JUDGE BRENNER: I don't really understand how
- 21 your different wording changes the question.
- 22 MR. ELLIS: I don't think it really changes it
- 23 in substance except it doesn't limit him to two of the
- 24 three.
- 25 JUDGE BRENNER: Do you see the three

- 1 conclusions, Mr. Hubbard?
- 2 WITNESS HUBBARD: The first objection, the use
- 3 of manpower utilization data, doesn't go to any of the
- 4 three conclusions.
- 5 JUDGE BRENNER: What are you reading from?
- 6 WITNESS HUBBARD: Page 31.
- 7 JUDGE BRENNER: You're starting the other way
- 8 from where I would have started, but go ahead.
- 9 JUDGE CARPENTER: Mr. Hubbard, can you help
- 10 me? What manpower is being referred to?
- 11 WITNESS HUBBARD: I would like to look at the
- 12 whole report to figure that out myself, because up above
- 13 the NRC says it is initiating changes to improve its
- 14 manpower management, and then down here they disagree
- 15 with the use of manpower utilization data.
- 16 I would need to take some time and look at the
- 17 details of that and the recommendations and the report.
- 18 I would be glad to do that, Dr. Carpenter.
- 19 JUDGE CARPENTER: I just thought if you knew
- 20 it would be nice if I knew, and if we don't know, it's
- 21 not going to make a very good record.
- 22 JUDGE BRENNER: Why ion't you keep running
- 23 down the ones -- you were on page 31 -- to answer Mr.
- 24 Ellis' question, if that is the approach you want to
- 25 take to answer it.

- 1 WITNESS HUBBARD: The second item on 31, use
- 2 of construction craftsman interviews as an inspection
- 3 technique, that is not one of the three
- 4 recommendations. And then the third item, the need to
- 5 improve inspection documentation and reporting
- 6 practices, that is probably consistent with the first
- 7 recommendation which is improve its inspection and
- 8 reporting practices.
- 9 And I would need to review the report to see
- 10 if it is, since the word "documentation" is used in 31,
- 11 if it is also directly in conflict with the
- 12 recommendation to better document its inspection
- 13 findings.
- 14 JUDGE BRENNER: We're going to break. I was
- 15 going to let you finish up the GAO report questions.
- 16 Have you done that, or are you on the verge of doing
- 17 that, or do you want to break anyway?
- 18 MR. ELLIS: I am on the verge of doing it, but
- 19 I would like to break anyway, and it may be that I have
- 20 done it.
- 21 JUDGE BRENNER: I should have asked my last
- 22 question first. I always get that wrong.
- 23 Let's adjourn now, and we will be back at 9:00
- 24 tomorrow morning.
- 25 (Whereupon, at 5:05 p.m., the hearing was

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