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

Dear Administrative Judges:

On August 9, 1983, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued an "Order Regarding Notification by NRC Staff of Allegations Concerning Construction QA at Shoreham." The Board's Order was prompted by its receipt on August 5, 1983, of a Memorandum dated August 2, 1983, from Thomas M. Novak, Assistant Director for Licensing, Division of Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation entitled "Board Notification No. 83-107 -- Allegations Concerning Construction QA at Shoreham." The Board's Order inquired into the potential significance of the investigation noted in Mr. Novak's letter on the imminent partial initial decision on all issues litigated to date (including quality assurance). The Board's Order directed the staff to discuss the various options available to provide the Board and parties (Applicant and Suffolk County) with information concerning the Region I investigation of the allegations in question; and to provide an estimate of when its investigation will be completed.

As to the question of providing the Board and parties with information concerning the Region I inspections, I am informed by the Region that its inspections have now progressed to the point where the documents discussed below, which indicate the allegations, may be provided to the Board and parties without compromising the remainder of the inspections. These documents include a copy of the transcript of Mr. John Huber's extended

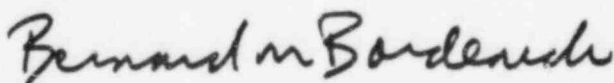
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statement to the Region on July 13, 1983, related correspondence, the Region's preliminary compilation of all allegations, and the status of followup to date.*/ Copies of this information will be provided in the next day or so. It should also be noted that Mr. Huber has discussed his concerns in several public forums.

Regarding the question of "significance" and scheduler aspects of the Board's Order, I am advised by the Region as follows: The ongoing followup of Mr. Huber's allegations since July 13, 1983 has not, as of this date, identified any safety concerns, violations of NRC requirements, or any other matter which would change Staff testimony previously provided to the Board on the quality assurance contentions. In many instances it has been found that LILCO had previous knowledge of concerns identified by Mr. Huber in his allegations and has taken adequate action to address these concerns. However, Region I evaluation of the adequacy of those actions has not yet been completed, nor has the Region completed its inspection related to some of Mr. Huber's allegations. Inspections of these allegations are being conducted by several inspectors, each of whom will document their findings promptly upon completion. Reports of these inspection efforts will be issued. Upon completion of the inspection effort, Region I will further consider the results to assess any broader implications. The required additional inspection effort, management review and documentation are expected to take another 6-8 weeks. This time frame may either be accelerated or delayed based upon the nature of individual inspector findings. (See enclosed Affidavit of Edward G. Greenman.)

Sincerely,



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Attachment: As Stated

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*/ As the Board will note, Mr. Huber's concerns were predated by allegations from Ms. Patricia Bower. However, because of the imprecise nature of the allegations, which was not remedied until Mr. Huber's statement on July 13, 1983, a Board notification was not considered necessary or appropriate. (See enclosed Affidavit of Edward G. Greenman.)

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