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BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES:

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In the Matter of

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

(Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-352-0L 50-353-0L

October 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER SHORTENING SCHEDULE FOR ANSWERS TO RESPECIFICATION OF LEA CONTENTION I-41

On September 28, 1983, Limerick Ecology Action (LEA) filed, by ordinary mail, its respecification of Contention I-41 (systems interactions). The answers of the Applicant and the NRC Staff are due to be filed on October 13 and 18, respectively. To permit consideration of the admissibility of this contention at the prehearing conference which will begin on October 17, 1983, the Board adjusts the schedule for answers as follows:

 Applicant's answer shall be received by the NRC Staff by October 7, 1983, and by the Board and LEA by October 11, 1983.



 The Staff's answer shall be received by the Board by 1:00 p.m. on October 13, 1983, and by LEA and the Applicant by October 14, 1983.

In our view, it should have been apparent to LEA that the time and method of filing its respecified contention would make it impossible for the answering parties to have the normal time permitted for answers and still permit consideration of this contention at the scheduled prehearing conference. Accordingly, LEA should have filed its respecification, which is based on the Staff's SER, about a week earlier (the Board received the SER on September 7, 1983), and should have transmitted it to the Applicant, Staff and the Board by means more rapid than ordinary mail.

The Applicant and Staff were informed of the substance of this order on October 3, 1983.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Lawrence Brenner, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Bethesda, Maryland October 3, 1983 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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COURTESY NOTIFICATION

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I hereby certify that I have today mailed copies of the Board's "Memorandum and Order Shortening Schedule for Answers to Respecification of LEA Contention I-41" to the persons designated on the attached Courtesy Notification List.

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