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In the Matter of COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY (Byron Station, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-454, 50-455

Dear Appeal Board Members:

The Staff is in receipt of the March 1, 1984 letter from counsel for the Intervenors expressing their intention to raise arguments concerning quality assurance, need for power and alternative energy sources, financial qualifications and, possibly, seismology in their appellate brief. In light of this, and given the wide-ranging arguments presented in the Applicant's brief, the Staff will not be able to accelerate the existing schedule for the filing of its brief. That schedule establishes a filing date of March 30, 1984 for the Staff's brief.

Sincerely,

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