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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

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In the Matter of)
LOUISIANA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY)
(Waterford Steam Electric Station,)
Unit 3))

Docket No. 50-382-00

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL
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NRC STAFF'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The NRC Staff ("Staff") hereby requests an extension of time, until August 7, 1984, in which to respond to Joint Intervenors' "Amended and Supplemental Motion to Reopen Contention 22" ("Motion"). In support of this request, the Staff states as follows:

1. On July 5, 1984, the Staff requested an extension of time until July 27, 1984, in which to respond to Joint Intervenors' Motion. At that time, the Staff indicated that its review of base mat-related issues was substantially complete, although further efforts were required before the Staff could file its response to the pending motion to reopen. In addition, the Staff indicated that it wished to obtain a preliminary understanding of the results of certain confirmatory non-destructive testing of the base mat, then scheduled to be completed by July 20, 1984, before it files its conclusions.

2. As more fully set forth in the "Affidavit of Dennis M. Crutchfield" ("Affidavit") attached hereto, the Staff's review of base mat issues is substantially complete, although final written evaluations are still in the process of being prepared. Further, the Applicant's non-destructive testing program has taken longer to complete than had been

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estimated initially, and is now expected to be completed on or before August 3, 1984; as noted previously, the Staff wishes to obtain at least a preliminary understanding of the results of this testing program before it files its conclusions. For these reasons, as more fully set forth in the attached Affidavit, the Staff anticipates that its views concerning the base mat can be presented to the Appeal Board by August 7, 1984.

3. In the interest of providing information to the Appeal Board as it becomes available, an evaluation recently completed by the Structural Analysis Division of the Brookhaven National Laboratory is being submitted herewith. This report will be discussed further in the affidavits to be filed along with the Staff's response to the pending motion to reopen.

4. Counsel for the Staff has contacted Counsel for the Applicant and Counsel for the Joint intervenors, and has been authorized to state that those parties do not object to the grant of this request.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein and in the Affidavit attached hereto, the Staff requests an extension of time until August 7, 1984, in which to file its response to Joint Intervenors' Motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland,
this 25th day of July, 1984