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I. INTRODUCTION

On June 4, 1984, the Commission served an order dated June 1, 1984 in which it requests the parties to comment on the following question:

[W]hether, in view of ALAB-772 and all other relevant information, including investigative reports by the Office of Investigations, the management concerns which led to making the 1979 shutdown orders immediately effective have been sufficiently resolved so that the Commission should lift the immediate effectiveness of those orders prior to completion of review of any appeals from ALAB-772 (footnote omitted).

By its terms, the order requires that comments by parties other than the Staff be received by the Commission by close-of-business on June 15, 1984, and that comments by the Staff be submitted by close-of-business on June 18. By Motion dated June 4, 1984, TMIA requested an extension of time until July 16, 1984 to provide its comments. The Staff hereby responds to TMIA's motion for an extension of time.

## II. DISCUSSION

TMIA cites as a basis for its request the voluminous record on which it is asked to comment, including recently provided OI reports which themselves are lengthy and complex. TMIA states that the Commission's request for comments by June 15th is "an extraordinarily burdensome request." TMIA also cites the "important contribution" it and the other intervenors have made to this proceeding during the past five years.

The Staff believes that TMIA has shown good cause for some extension of time to provide comments in response to the Commission's June 1, 1984 order. However, the Staff believes that a more limited extension of time should be granted consistent with the Commission's desire to decide by the end of June whether it can issue an effectiveness decision prior to any merits review of ALAB-772. Therefore, the Staff does not oppose an extension of time for all parties other than the Staff to have their comments in the hands of the Commission no later than close-of-business on June 22, 1984.

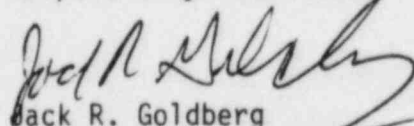
In order to enable the Staff to take into consideration, in its own comments, the comments of the other parties on ALAB-772, the OI reports, and other relevant information, the Staff suggests that it be given until close-of-business on June 27, 1984, to file its comments. To enable the Staff to address the other parties' comments, those comments should be in the hands of the Staff on June 22nd, the date for service upon the Commission. The Staff therefore requests that the Commission require the

parties to have their comments in the hands of the Staff on the same day they must be in the hands of the Commission.\*/

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Staff does not oppose an extension of time until June 22, 1984 for other parties to submit comments in response to the Commission's June 1st order. The Staff further requests that the comments of the other parties be in the hands of the Staff on the same day as service is made upon the Commission. Finally, the Staff suggests that it be granted until June 27, 1984, to file its comments.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland  
this 7th day of June, 1984

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\*/ If the Commission establishes a different schedule for the parties' comments, the Staff anticipates that its own comments could be served on the Commission and the parties within three business days after the other parties' submittals, assuming that hand delivery is made upon the Staff.

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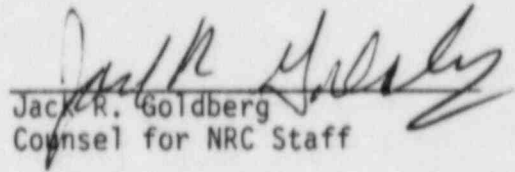
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