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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

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

Docket No. 50-382

NRC STAFF'S MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TIME

The NRC Staff ("Staff") hereby requests an additional extension of time, until July 6, 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 May 15, 1984, the Staff requested an extension of time until June 15, 1984, in which to respond to Joint Intervenors' Motion. At that time, the Staff indicated that its review of base mat-related issues had made significant progress, although further review was required before the Staff could file its response to the pending motion to reopen. The Staff anticipated that, barring unforeseen circumstances, its technical review of base mat issues would be completed by June 8, 1984, and its views could be presented to the Appeal Board by June 15, 1984.
- 2. As more fully set forth in the "Affidavit of Dennis M. Crutch-field" ("Affidavit") attached hereto, the Staff's review of base mat issues is now substantially complete. At this time, however, certain remaining efforts are required before the Staff can file its response to the pending motion to reopen. The Staff anticipates that its technical

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review of base mat issues will be completed by June 29, 1984, and that its views can be presented to the Appeal Board by July 6, 1984.

3. Counsel for the Staff has contacted Counsel for the Applicant and Counsel for the Joint Intervenors. Counsel for the Joint Intervenors has authorized the Staff to state that those parties do not object to the grant of this request; Counsel for the Applicant was not able to state his client's position as of the time of filing of this motion.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein and in the Affidavit attached hereto, the Staff requests an extension of time until July 6, 1984, in which to file its response to Joint Intervenors' Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 14th day of June, 1984