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For the Appeal Board

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD -9 A10:59

In the Matter of )  
LOUISIANA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY ) Docket No. 50-382  
(Waterford Steam Electric Station, )  
Unit 3) )

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NRC STAFF'S MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TIME

The NRC Staff ("Staff") hereby requests an additional extension of time, until July 27, 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 June 14, 1984, the Staff requested an extension of time until July 6, 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 certain remaining efforts were required before the Staff could file its response to the pending motion to reopen. The Staff anticipated that its technical review of base mat issues would be completed by June 29, 1984, and that its views could be presented to the Appeal Board by July 6, 1984.

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 further efforts are required before the Staff can file its response to the pending motion to reopen. The Staff and its consultants are currently engaged in preparing written evaluations of the base mat issues they reviewed; these evaluations have

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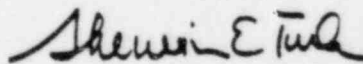
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not yet been completed, and will require modifications in order to consider certain new information provided to the Staff by the Applicant's consultants earlier this week, correcting information previously provided by the Applicant concerning the margin in the base mat for shear in the event of a design basis earthquake. In addition, the Staff wishes to obtain at least a preliminary understanding of the results of certain confirmatory non-destructive testing of the base mat, scheduled to commence on July 10, 1984 and to be completed by July 20, 1984, 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 July 27, 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 27, 1984, in which to file its response to Joint Intervenors' Motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland,  
this 5th day of July, 1984