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In the Matter of

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(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1)

LICENSEE'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO ANSWER TMIA'S SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO GPU

On August 13, 1984, intervenor Three Mile Island Alert (TMIA) hand-served on Licensee's counsel a Second Set of Interrogatories. These comprehensive interrogatories, 75 in number (excluding subparts), all pertain to the training remand. Answers to these interrogatories are due on August 27, 1984. 10 C.F.R. § 2.740(b). Licensee also was hand-served with a second document production request on August 13, to which a written response is due on September 12, 1984. 10 C.F.R. § 2.741.

Licensee has now completed its review of these discovery requests and has begun to prepare answers to the interrogatories, the vast majority of which Licensee expects to answer substantively, and not pose any objection to. Licensee also has begun gathering the extensive documents requested by TMIA and expects to be able to meet the September 12 document

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production response date. However, it simply is not feasible for Licensee to meet the August 27 date for filing answers to TMIA's Second Set of Interrogatories.

Licensee relayed this information to TMIA's counsel on August 20, and requested an extension until September 12 to file its answers to the training interrogatories. TMIA's counsel would not agree to this request without Licensee's agreement to extend the discovery period a like period of time, <u>i.e.</u>, 16 days. Because Licensee is making every effort to facilitate the expeditious litigation of this remanded proceeding, Licensee would not agree to TMIA's request, which is not linked to any specific need by TMIA for further discovery beyond the current deadline of September 30.

Furthermore, Licensee notes that TMIA waited more than a month after the discovery period had begun before filing its Second Set of Interrogatories on Licensee. <u>See</u> Memorandum and Order Following Prehearing Conference, July 9, 1984, at 9. In such circumstances, it is unreasonable for TMIA to demand and expect an automatic extension of the discovery period (and, presumably, a delay in the scheduled evidentiary hearing) because Licensee cannot answer TMIA's extensive interrogatories on training within the time provided by the regulations.

Licensee therefore requests that the Board grant it an extension of time, until September 12, 1984, to answer TMIA's Second Set of Interrogatories. Licensee notes, in this regard, that while it will make every effort to meet this propsoed

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deadline, a number of the interrogatories are directed at the Reconstituted OARP Review Committee. The members of this Committee are extremely busy individuals; they also are located in various regions of the country. Licensee takes this opportunity to inform the Board that it may be necessary for Licensee to request more time within which to answer the interrogatories directed at the Committee, although Licensee is not now making this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of Licensee's Request for an Extension of Time Within Which to Answer TMIA's Second Set of Interrogatories to GPU were served this 23rd day of August, 1984, by hand delivery to the parties identified with an asterisk and by deposit in the U.S. mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the other parties on the attached Service List.

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