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August 17, 1984

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD 84 AGO 23 P4:33

In the Matter of

LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY

Docket No. 50-322-1

(Shoreham Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1)

NRC STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY

The NRC staff moves the Licensing Board for an extension of time within which to file its direct testimony in the captioned proceeding until August 31, 1984 (as opposed to the presently scheduled date of August 21, 1984).

This motion is based in part upon significant new information relating to the four EDG components in litigation which was provided by Applicant to the NRC technical staff and its consultants, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory, as recently as August 15, 1984. The NRC staff further is seeking a clarification from Applicant as to the technical bases upon which licensing review is sought, due to inconsistencies presently perceived to exist, which have impeded the Staff's review and preparation of testimony. $\frac{1}{}$

1/ See Affidavit of Mr. Ralph Caruso, attached hereto.

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Pending prompt resolution of these factual issues, the Staff expects realistically to be able to file meaningful testimony on all contested issues by August 31, 1984. Delay of the hearing need not, in the Staff's opinion, be excessive if this motion were granted, and Staff would suggest a commencement date for evidentiary hearings of September 17, 1984.

Attorneys for Suffolk County and the State of New York do not oppose this motion. Attorneys for Applicant indicated that Long Island Lighting Company opposes this motion, and will file their response in opposition thereto by August 20, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard J. Goddard Counsel for NRC Staff

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 17th day of August, 1984