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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE COMMISSION

In the Matter of	.)	
ONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY (Shoreham Nuclear Power)	Docket No. 50-322-DCOM
Station, Unit 1))	(Decommissioning Plan)

NRC STAFF'S MOTION TO FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADING

On April 29, 1992, Shoreham-Wading River Central School District and Scientists And Engineers For Secure Energy ("Petitioners") filed a "Joint Opposition To The NRC Staff's Recommendation For Issuance Of A Decommissioning Order Prior To Hearing And Contingent Motion For Stay" ("Opposition"). By Order dated April 30, 1992, the Commission gave the Long Island Power Authority until May 5, 1997 to respond to the Opposition. On May 5, 1992, Petitioners supplemented their processor with an additional filing. The Staff, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.730, moves that the attached "NRC Staff Reply to Petitioners' May 5 Filing" be accepted for filing on the following grounds:

1. The arguments made by Petitioners in their May 5 supplement misconstrue statements made by the Staff regarding the December 23, 1991 Federal Register notice on Shoreham's decommissioning. As a result, these arguments distort the nature of the proposed decommissioning action.

 The filing of the attached reply will clarify the nature of the proposed action and will not cause any delay in the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that its motion be GRANTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 6th day of May, 1992