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> Long Island Power Authority (Shoreham Nuclear Power Station) NRC Docket 50-322: Request for Approval of Decommissioning Plan

Dear Chairman Selin and Members of the Commission:

On Wednesday, June 3, the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District and the Scientists and Engineers for Secure Energy, Inc. filed with the Commission motions to dismiss all of their previously filed objections to agency action sought by the Long Island Power Authority ("LIPA") and the Long Island Lighting Company ("LILCO") with respect to the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 ("Shoreham"). This step by the School District and the Scientists and Engineers was taken in conformance with settlement agreements which have also been provided to the Commission.

As the Commission is aware, LILCO entered into an agreement with New York State in February 1989 providing that Shoreham would be transferred to LIPA for the purpose of decommissioning. The NRC was so advised by LILCO in June 1989. LIPA, as proposed successor licensee, filed its Decommissioning Plan with the Commission in December 1990. The NRC Staff has recommended approval of LIPA's Decommissioning Plan, and LIPA has in place all arrangements necessary to commence decommissioning of Shoreham immediately.

In view of the action by the School District and the Scientists and Engineers, LIPA urgently requests the Commission to approve its Decommissioning Plan at the earliest possible moment. Such prompt action will facilitate final implementation of the February 1989 agreement and will minimize the ongoing costs incurred by LIPA, LILCO, and the ratepayers of Long Island. Further delay in approving the Decommissioning Plan will lead directly to higher decommissioning costs as plant personnel and contractors are now standing by ready to commence work.

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LTPA very much appreciates the careful attention that the Commission has devoted to Shoreham matters over the last several years and requests that this final step be taken promptly now that all regulatory objections have been withdrawn. LIPA is ready to be of assistance to the Commission in this regard. If you have any questions or comments about the settlement or dismissal of objections, please contact me or Stanley B. Klimberg, LIPA's President of Shoreham Project and General Counsel.

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