U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COLMISSION .. ATOMIC SAFETY & LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

RE: PHILA: ELEC. CO. Limerick Gen. Sta. Units 1 & 2

DOCKET # 50-352,353 /OC

September 24,1984

ABARASEPB26R.AD ARTHONY/FOE FROM ASLB ORDER OF 9/7/84 AND THE AFFIDAVITS ASLB REQUIRED TO VALIDATE THE ORDER, FILED 9/21/84; and APPEAL FROM ASLB PARTIAL INITIAL DECISION ON OUR CONTENTIONS V -3a and 3b.

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BACKGROUND.

On 9/1/84 Anthony/FOE filed with NRC a Motion to Set Aside "Partial Initial Decision" on our Contentions V-3a and 3b. On 9/7/84 ASLB issued an
order stating "our decision remains in effect". We conclude this means that
ASLB did not set aside the decision as we petitioned and that we are now free
to appeal the Partial Initial Decision.
APPEAL.

We appeal the Partial Initial Decision on Contentions V 3a and 3b to the Appeal Board and we assert again, as we did in our motion above, that ASLB erred in making a decision on our contentions after it had received Board Notification No. 84-142 from T.M.Novak, NRC Div. of Licensing, in regard to the reactor enclosure vent stack. This Notification brought new information on the structural integrity of the plant which had to be evaluated before any initial decision on our contentions could be completed. The notification was dated 8/20/84; ASLB's decision was issued on 8/29/84.

ASLB conditioned its order thus:

The NRC Staff's and Applicant's answers to FOE's motion to reopen shall update the information, by affidavits of appropriate officials with the knowledge of the facts, contained in the Board Notification.

The NRC Staff complied with this order on 9/21/84 and we received the Staff affidavits today. The Staff compliance will not be complete, we understand, until a "report documenting the findings" has been provided to the Board and Farties. (Affidavit of Robert M.Galle page 4 # 10, 9/19/84).

CONCLUSION.

We trust that the Appeal Board will agree that our "Motion to Set Aside"
was not answered until we received affidavits from the Staff today. Our appeal
is therefore, filed in a timely manner since we intended with our 9/1/84 appeal
to appeal
the partial initial decision but were not free until ASLB's order and affidavits
were completed.

Respectfully submitted,

cc ASLB Judges Brenner, Cole, Morris
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