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In the Matter of Washington Public Power System  
(WPPSS Nuclear Project Nos. 1 and 4)  
Docket Nos. 50-460 and 50-513

Gentlemen:

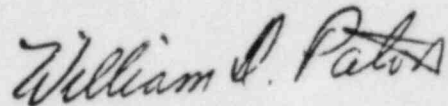
At the prehearing conference held in Richland, Washington, on December 5, 1974, the Board indicated that it may want the parties to address the Applicant's financial qualifications at the initial phase of the hearing in the above-captioned proceeding (Tr.45).

Subsequent to the prehearing conference, I consulted with Staff personnel assigned to review and prepare testimony on this matter and have been advised that they intend to present their analysis and conclusions pertaining to the financial qualifications of the Applicant in the final supplement to the Staff's Safety Evaluation Report. This approach will enable Staff to provide the Board with the latest available information prior to closing the record in a subject area which experiences rapid changes due to inflation and other factors and will thereby relieve Staff of the obligation to prepare an analysis for each stage of the hearing. It will not delay the Applicant since it is unnecessary, for LWA purposes, that the Board consider financial qualifications.

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The Staff requests, for the reasons set forth above, that financial qualifications testimony be scheduled for presentation at the final phase of the hearing.

Sincerely,



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