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Nunzio J. Pallidino, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Commissioner Pallidino,

As the matter of a low-power license for the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station will be before you shortly, I hope you will give careful consideration to the implications of your decision. If a low-power license for the Shoreham Facility is granted under present conditions, you will have set a dangerous precedent with reference to safety of the public.

As I am sure you are well aware, the Shoreham Plant does not have emergency diesel generators which have been approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Allowing LILCO to load fuel and begin operations for low-power testing is tantamount to sanctioning the safety, construction and emergency facilities of the plant.

I would ask that at a minimum you would defer decision upon low-power testing until all safety criteria have been met by the utility. Waiving the rules will do a great disservice to the residents of Long Island. In addition, questions concerning the emergency evacuation plan have not yet been answered. There is still considerable question as to whether such a plan will ever be adopted for the Shoreham Plant.

I feel strongly that all the outstanding issues should be resolved before LILCO is permitted low-power license. I feel that it is absolutely absurd to allow the utility

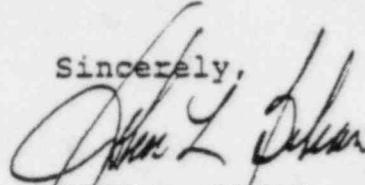
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to load the plant with nuclear fuel before a resolution of the remaining issues. I ask you to act in the public interest and deny LILCO's request for a low-power license for the Shoreham Facility.

Sincerely,



JOHN L. BEHAN
Member of Assembly

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