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Note to File

## JERSEY CENTRAL POWER &amp; LIGHT COMPANY - OYSTER CREEK

Mr. Ivan Finrock called me relating to the Writ of Injunction being requested by the State of New Jersey to prevent the Oyster Creek plant from shutting down and causing a "fish kill" of menhaden.

Mr. Finrock told me that he had been dealing with Skovholt late last night, after he left the Court House at around 5:00 PM. He stated that the whole situation is an unhappy event; he stated that the State was eager and was looking for a long-term commitment not to shut the plant down in the winter; he stated that the issue really related to whether or not he could get an extension of the 120 day requirement for checking out the seismic restraints - he personally stated that he did not know whether he wanted to ask for an extension, for safety reasons, He could not predict what <sup>"Porter"</sup> Porter would say or even <sup>"Gore"</sup> Gore, forgetting Licensing. This whole issue bothered him; he is getting guidance from Licensing today, Thursday.

At the present time, they are not going to shut down until they discuss this matter with the Judge tomorrow, Friday. Of course, there is no Press Release or no other <sup>public</sup> action planned by Jersey Central. He stated that there were some reporters in the Court House; however, all substantive conversations took place in the Judge's Chambers.

Dictated by JPO'R

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Docket No. 50-219

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Gentlemen:

As we discussed on January 9 and 10, 1974, any application from a licensee should include justification for the request. With respect to your contemplated request for an extension of the period in which inspection of the hydraulic snubbers at Oyster Creek must be performed, your application should include the following information:

1. Describe the seal material used in the snubbers inside the drywell.
2. Describe the observed performance of these seal materials from both
  - a. Inservice snubbers, and
  - b. Specimen lab tests.
3. Describe the maximum temperature and radiation conditions in drywell during
  - a. Normal full power operations, and
  - b. Transients and malfunctions that would raise drywell temperature without causing shutdown.
4. What routine monitoring of drywell temperature is available?
5. What is the expected service life and reliability of the snubber seals in the Oyster Creek drywell?
6. Provide an analysis of the consequences of "failed" snubber seals. Include consideration of the restraining capability of empty snubbers.

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7. Describe the environmental consequences of a shutdown to perform the 120 day inspection.
8. What means can be employed to mitigate the adverse consequences of a shutdown?
9. Would an extension of the inspection period, as requested, eliminate the above adverse consequences?
10. Will a commitment be made to inspect snubbers during the next shutdown, or earlier than the requested extension period, if environmental conditions change so that the adverse consequences will not occur?

We would be happy to discuss this matter if you desire.

If a request is filed, it should be provided in one signed and thirty-nine additional copies.

Sincerely,



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