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Mr. Eugene M. Shorb First Vice President Northern Indiana Public Service Company 6265 Holman Avenue Hammond, Indiana 46325

Dear Mr. Shorb:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 31 providing us with your comments on the report, "Effects of Dewatering on the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore" prepared by the panel of wetlands ecologists for the National Park Service. You may be assured that all of the hydrological and ecological data which were available to either the National Park Service or the U.S. Geological Survey and which were pertinent to the issues we requested the panel to address were supplied to or were available for the use of panel members.

The panel completed its work with the submission of its final report and we have no plans to reconvene the group at this time. We will, of course, continue our studies of Cowles Bog and its associated wetlands and the effects of dewatering upon the National Lakeshore. Your letter indicates the existence of additional monitoring and water chemistry analysis data, relating to the interdunal and fly ash ponds, which you have been collecting since March of 1972. This additional data may be of value to us in our com studies and analyses and we would appreciate receiving copies of this material. Please provide this information directly to the Superintendent at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Any additional data we receive from you will be given prompt and thorough review.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) IPA J. HUTCHISON

Durector Director

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC
SERVICE COMPANY
(Bailly Generating Station, Nuclear-1)

Docket No. 50-367
(Construction Permit Extension)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the letter from Ira J. Hutchison, Deputy Director, National Park Service, to Eugene M. Shorb, First Vice President, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, dated February 5, 1981, was served on the persons on the attached list by deposit in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid on this 12th day of February, 1981.

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