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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARDOFFICE OF SECRETARY
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In the Matter of)	
)	Docket No. 50-271-OLA-2
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR)	(Testing Requirements for
POWER CORPORATION)	ECCS and SLC Systems)
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(Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power)	
Station))	

NRC STAFF MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO STATE OF VERMONT
AND COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS' PETITIONS TO INTERVENE

I. INTRODUCTION

On January 26, 1988, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published in the Federal Register a notice of opportunity for prior hearing on a proposed amendment to revise the Technical Specifications in the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station's license relating to the testing of the remaining train(s) of the Emergency Core Cooling (ECCS) and Standby Liquid Control (SLC) systems whenever one train has a component out of service. 53 Fed. Reg. 2114.

On February 25, 1988, the State of Vermont filed a "Petition of the State of Vermont for Leave to Intervene." Also on February 25, 1988, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts filed a "Request for a Hearing and Petition to Intervene with Respect to Vermont Yankee's Request to Eliminate Certain ECCs and SLCs Testing Requirements."

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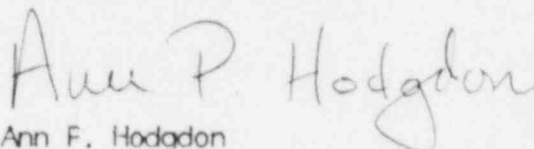
II. THE MOTION

The NRC staff has been pursuing a settlement agreement with the petitioners in the hope of resolving their concerns without the need for a hearing. On March 15, 1988, the Staff sought and was granted a one-week extension of time until March 23, 1988, in which to file its response to the intervention petitions. Memorandum and Order (Extension of Time/Miscellaneous Rulings). March 17, 1988. The parties have continued to pursue a settlement and have made substantial progress toward resolving this matter.

Wherefore, the Staff moves the Licensing Board to further extend the time for the filing of the Staff's response to the petition of the State of Vermont and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by two weeks from March 23, until April 6, 1988. ^{1/}

Counsel for the State and the Licensee have indicated to Staff counsel that they do not object to the granting of this motion. Staff counsel has not been able to reach counsel for the Commonwealth by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 22nd day of March, 1988

^{1/} The Staff has filed a similar motion for further extension of time in another proceeding before another licensing board. That proceeding on OLA-3 concerns logic system functional testing.

Staff counsel telephoned Judge Bechhoefer on March 22, 1988 to indicate that the Staff would be filing the instant motion. Judge Bechhoefer indicated that the motion would be granted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO STATE OF VERMONT AND COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS' PETITIONS TO INTERVENE" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, or as indicated by an asterisk through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, this 22nd day of March, 1988:

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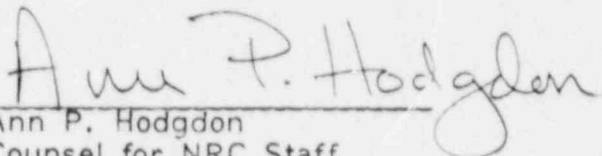
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