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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY	)	Docket Nos. 50-448
(Douglas Point Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2)	)	50-449



STATUS REPORT OF NRC STAFF

By order dated November 6, 1978 the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board directed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff to furnish a report on the status of its review of the remaining issues in this proceeding and to furnish justification if the schedule the Staff proposed on April 21, 1978, cannot be met.

Counsel for the NRC Staff has recently been informed that the NRC Staff will be unable to meet the schedule it proposed in April, 1978.

Due to continued intense and higher priority work in the geologic and seismic areas on active applications for plant construction and operation have already been established, the Staff will be unable to complete its geologic and seismic reviews for Douglas Point before the end of March, 1979.

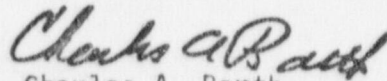
In addition, the NRC Staff will be requesting additional information from the Applicant within the next several weeks in order to supplement its

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original assessment of alternative sites in light of recent decisions in other NRC proceedings. See Boston Edison Company (Pilgrim Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2), ALAB-479, 7 NRC 774 (1978).

At this juncture the NRC Staff is of the view that a July 1979 date for the commencement of the hearing on remaining issues would be a reasonable expectation. In the meantime, the NRC Staff will keep the Board and parties informed as to the status of completion of review of the remaining issues to facilitate establishing a firm schedule for the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland  
this 17th day of November, 1978





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