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Docket No. 520-322-OL-3:
Reception Center Appeal

Dear Members of the Board:

This letter responds to Suffolk County's August 3 letter concerning the Intervenor's appeal of the Licensing Board's Partial Initial Decision on Suitability of Reception Centers, LBP-88-13, 27 NRC (1988) ("PID"). In its letter Suffolk County replies to LILCO's brief in opposition to Intervenor's appeal, complaining that LILCO should not be permitted to include in its brief two attachments that address the 1988 Final RAC Review of Revision 9 of the LILCO Plan. The letter also requests that oral argument be heard on the issues.

First, insofar as Suffolk County's letter takes issue with LILCO's brief, it is an unauthorized reply. More important, LILCO did not include the two attachments to raise new issues on appeal or to ask the Appeal Board to rely on new evidence. Suffolk County has called for a remand to consider the FEMA findings represented by the attachments. LILCO's point is simply that it makes no sense to order a remand on new information that merely confirms what the Licensing Board already decided.

Second, LILCO will be happy to present oral argument if the Appeal Board wants it. In light of the strong record supporting the Licensing Board's findings, however, LILCO thinks that oral

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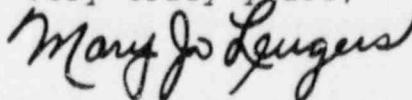
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argument will make no difference in the outcome. If oral argument is to be held, LILCO asks that it be held soon.

Very truly yours,



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