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Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire, et al
(Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-443-OL-1
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Dear Judge Rosenthal:

On August 17, 1987, Town of Hampton appealed the decision of the Wolfe Board denying INTERVENORS' PETITION TO WAIVE REGULATIONS 50.33(f) AND 50.57(a)(4) TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL QUALIFICATION TO OPERATE AND TO DECOMMISSION SEABROOK STATION. The Board heard argument on the petition on December 8, 1987. Following the filing of bankruptcy of Public Service Company of New Hampshire on January 28, 1988, the Board invited further or supplemental petitions on the financial qualification issue, which were filed by Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, on behalf of Intervenor, on February 23, 1988, and by the Massachusetts Attorney General on March 7, 1988. These petitions remain pending before this Board.

While recognizing that the Appeal Board has been addressing numerous issues in this proceeding, Intervenor respectfully suggest that the financial capability of PSNH to absorb additional costs necessitated by low power operation, including charges for waste storage and decommissioning, remains in doubt. PSNH has just recently filed for an additional eight months to assemble its plan of reorganization to the Bankruptcy Court. It is now possible that low power operation may commence before any plan of reorganization is considered by the Bankruptcy Court.

Recent pressures have mounted for expediting the licensing process for Seabrook. Published reports of NRC staff recommendations for a rule change permitting a low power license

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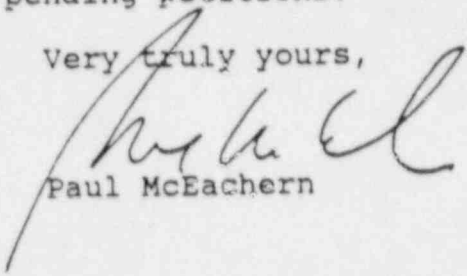
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to issue, even in the absence of a public notification system, render even more compelling the need for direction from this Board whether Applicants must demonstrate financial qualification to operate and to decommission Seabrook Station in advance of low power operation.

Intervenors respectfully request that the Appeal Board expedite consideration of the pending petitions.

Very truly yours,


Paul McEachern

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