UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION SHAUN P. O'HERN Docket No. 55-32442-SP ASLBP No. 99-753-01-SP

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DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29. 1972. published in the <u>Federal Register</u>, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105. 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations. a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

SHAUN P. O'HERN

(Denial of Reactor Operator's License Application)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Subpart L of the Commission's Regulations. "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a denial by NRC Staff of Mr. O'Hern's reactor operator's license application and Mr. O'Hern's request for a hearing pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Section 2.103.

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The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Peter B. Bloch. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.722. the Presiding Officer has appointed Administrative Judge Richard F. Cole to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bloch and Judge Cole in accordance with C.F.R. § 2.701. Their addresses are:

> Administrative Judge Peter B. Bloch Presiding Officer Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

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Chief Administrative Judge Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

Issued at Rockville. Maryland. this 8th day of October 1998.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFCR. have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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Dated at Rockville, Md. this 8 day of October 1998

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