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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARDING

In the Matter of	
	Docket No. 50-271-OLA-3
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR) (Surveillance Requirements
POWER CORPORATION) for Logic System Functional
) Testing)
(Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power) ASLBP No. 88-568-05-OLA
Station)) May 6, 1988

NRC STAFF MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO STATE OF VERMONT'S PETITION 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 the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station's license to revise surveillance frequency requirements for logic system functional testing and calibration from once every six months to once per operating cycle and to require more detailed testing than required by current Technical Specifications. 53 Fed. Reg. 2115.

On February 25, 1988, the State of Vermont filed a "Petition of the State of Vermont for Leave to Intervene."

II. THE MOTION

The NRC staff has been pursuing a settlement agreement with the State of Vermont in the hope of resolving its 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 Vermont's petition. See, Memorandum and Order, March 21, 1988. In a Memorandum and Order dated March 24, 1988, the Licensing Board confirmed a further extension of time to respond to the State of Vermont's petition until April 6, 1988. On April 6, 1988, the Staff filed a motion for further extension until May 6, 1988, which was granted by the Licensing Board on April 7, 1988.

The parties have continued to make substantial progress toward a settlement. Technical discussions have narrowed the issues and the Staff has prepared and issued documents that is hopes will resolve the few issues that remain. The Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Dr. Thomas E. Murley, met with Vermont's Governor, the Honorable Madeleine Kunin, on May 3, 1988, to discuss Vermont's concerns.

Wherefore, the Staff moves the Licensing Board to extend the time for the filing of the Staff's response to the petition of the State of Vermont by fourteen days from May 6 until May 20, 1988. $\frac{1}{2}$

^{1/} The Staff has filed a similar motion for further extension of time in another proceeding before another licensing board. That proceeding on OLA-2 concerns ECCS and SLCS testing.

Staff counsel telephoned Judge Paris on May 5, 1988, to indicate that the Staff would be filing the instant motion. Judge Paris Indicated that the motion would be granted.

Counsel for the State and the Licensee have indicated to Staff counsel that they do not object to the granting of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Counsel for NRC Staff

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 6th day of May, 1988

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I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO STATE OF VERMONT'S PETITION 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 6th day of May, 1988:

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