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BEFORE THE ATONIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

In the Matter of
LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY
(Shoreham Nuclear Fower Station,
Unit 1)

Docket No. 50-322-0L-3 (Emergency Planning)

NEC STAFF RESPONSE TO LILCO'S MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF BRIFFING TIME

On September 27, 1988, the Appeal Board ordered that replies to Intervenors' September 27, 1988 "Brief On Bifurcated Appeal from the September 23, 1988 Concluding Initial Decision in LEP-88-24" ("Intervenors' Brief") should be in the hands of the Appeal Board not leter than Friday September 30, 1988. On September 28, the Applicant filed a request for extension of time to respond to Intervenors' Brief witing the importance of the issue being briefed and absence of a need for expedition requiring a three day response time.

The NRC Staff does not object to the extension requested by Applicani; similar reasons for extension apply to the Staff. Moreover, the Staff believes that when a party is accorded an extension of time, as a matter of fairness other parties filing simultaneous or subsequent filings should be accorded. Like extension. We recognize that this is not the holding in Orders issued in Florida Power & Light (St. Lucie Plant, Unit No.1), Docket 50-335 OLA, dated May 24, 1988 (unpublished) and Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station) Docket 50-271 OLA, dated June 23, 1987 (unpublished). The holding in

these cases, however, should be reconsidered, particularly to the extent that such holdings would apply to the NRC Staff.

The special position of the NRC Staff in NRC licensing proceedings is recognized in the Commission's Rules of Practice customarily providing the Staff with a modest additional period for responses to motions, etc. The Commission specifically identified the special status of the IPC Staff in NRC proceedings as the reason for according the Staff additional time:

"The amendments to Part 2 allow the regulatory staff an opportunity to consider all matters and positions taken by other parties before finalizing its position on various questions presented during a proceeding. The affording of this opportunity to the staff is considered appropriate in view of its duty to represent the public interest in Commission adjudicatory proceedings and to assure the development of an adequate decisional record."

37 Fed. Reg. 15127, 15129 (July 28, 1972).

The foregoing establishes "good cause" for according the Staff additional time to file its responses to the positions of other parties and should be dispensed with only if there is a special reason for particularly expediting the Staff's position. We do not believe that to be the case in this instance. Accordingly, the Staff requests that, if an extension of time is granted to Applicant, a similar extension be granted to the NRC Staff.

Respectfully submitted.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 28th day of September 1988

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I hereby certify that copies of "MPC STAFF RESPONSE TO LILCO'S MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF BRIEFING TIME" 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 28th day of September 1988.

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