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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

before the

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF

NEW HAMPSHIRE, et al.

(Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-443-OL 50-444-OL Off-site Emergency Planning Issues

APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO MOTIONS FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER BY TON, TOWN, AND CON

On August 31, 1988, Applicants filed their "First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents to All Parties and Participating Local Governments Regarding Contentions on the Seabrook Plan for Massachusetts Communities" (hereinafter "SPMC Interrogatories"). On September 16, 19, and 20 respectively, the Town of Newbury ("TON"), the Town of West Newbury ("TOWN"), and the City of Newburyport ("CON") filed motions for protective orders

against answering certain questions propounded and producing certain documents requested in the SPMC Interrogatories. 1

During the week of September 26, Applicants engaged in a series of negotiations with TON, TOWN, and CON. As a result of these negotiations, these three Intervenors each agreed to file supplemental answers to the SPMC Interrogatories and to produce additional documents. Applicants reached similar agreements with the Town of Salisbury ("TOS") and the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Mass AG"), neither of whom had moved for a protective order.²

In order to preserve their rights, Applicants hereby make a pro forma motion that TON, TOWN, CON, TOS, and Mass AG be compelled to answer Applicants' SPMC Interrogatories and produced the documents requested therein. However, Applicants are confident that the issues that would be raised by such a motion will be mooted by the supplemental responses that the five Intervenors have undertaken to provide.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Board take no action on this pro forma motion, and indefinitely extend the time for reply to it, unless and until Applicants

¹ TOWN'S answers were filed three days late, with no explanation and without any motion for an extension.

² In addition, Applicants and Town of Amesbury ("TOA") engaged in negotiations that appreciably narrowed the issues between them resulting from TOA's interrogatory responses of September 14, 1988 and Applicants' motion to compel of September 26.

advise the Board that one or more of the negotiated settlements of the parties' disputes have broken down.

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