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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

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Administrative Judges:

Alan S. Rosenthal, Chairman
Howard A. Wilber

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In the Matter of)
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF)
NEW HAMPSHIRE, et al.)
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(Seabrook Station, Units 1)
and 2))
_____)

Docket Nos. 50-443-OL-1
50-444-OL-1
(Onsite Emergency Planning
and Safety Issues)

ORDER


We summarily deny the June 3, 1988 motion of the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution to defer the briefing of its appeal from the Licensing Board's May 12, 1988 order or, in the alternative, for expedited consideration of the Coalition's June 1, 1988 motion for clarification and other relief.

The single issue presented by the appeal in question is extremely narrow: whether the Licensing Board erred in its interpretation of the scope of the Coalition's contention IV, concerned with the accumulation of aquatic organisms and other foreign matter in the facility's cooling systems. This being so, we do not believe that the Coalition will be unduly burdened by the necessity to brief the appeal without further delay. In this connection, although there is insufficient reason to expedite the filing of responses to

the Coalition's June 1 motion, we should be in a position to act upon that motion prior to the date upon which the Coalition's brief is now due.¹

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE APPEAL BOARD


C. Jean Shoemaker
Secretary to the
Appeal Board

¹ This is not to suggest, however, that it would be advisable for the Coalition to defer the preparation of the brief to await the disposition of the June 1 motion.