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UNITED STATES:
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Olmstead, OELD

FROM:

William C. Parler

SUBJECT:

CONFERENCE AGREEMENT ON "SHOLLY" AND "TEMPORARY OPERATING LANGUAGE" AUTHORITY

(H.R. 2330)

There is attached the language on these subjects on which I understand the conferees have agreed.

Please note that the "Sholly" language calls for implementing regulations to be promulgated "during the ninety-day period following the effective day of this paragraph".

I do not know when H.R. 2330 will finally be reported by the conferees. This could happen in August, sometimes before the next scheduled (Labor Day) recess. As you know, once the conference report is filed, passage in each body usually occurs promptly thereafter.

Bull Parler

Attachment: As stated

## [July 15, 1982 Agreements]

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- TEMPORARY OPERATING LICENSES

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- 7 dicensed under section 103 or 104 b. of this Act, in which a
- 8 hearing is otherwise required pursuant to section 189 a.,
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- 10 operating license for such facility authorizing fuel
- 11 loading, testing, and operation at a specific power level to .
- 12 be determined by the Commission, pending final action by the
- 13 Commission on the application. The initial petition for a
- 14 temporary operating license for each such facility, and any
- 15 temporary operating license issued for such facility based
- 16 upon the initial petition, shall be limited to power levels
- 17 not to exceed 5 percent of rated full thermal power.
- 18 Following issuance by the Commission of the temporary

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  - 9 section 182 b.; (2) the filing of the initial Safety
- 10 Evaluation Report by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff
- 11 and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff's first
- 12 supplement to the report prepared in response to the report
- 13 of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards for the
- 14 Facility; (3) the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff's
- 15 final detailed statement on the environmental impact of the
- 16 facility prepared pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the
- 17 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
- 18 4332(2)(C)); and (4) a State, local, or utility emergency
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- 24 affidavit or affidavits setting forth the specific facts
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2	Commission shall publish notice of each such petition in the
3	Federal Register and in such trade or news publications as
4	the Commission deems appropriate to give reasonable notice
5	to persons who might have a potential interest in the grant
6	of such temporary operating license or amendment thereto.
7	Any person may file affidavits or statements in support of,
8	or in opposition to, the petition within thirty days after
9	the publication of such notice in the Federal Register.
10	''b. With respect to any petition filed pursuant to
11	subsection a. of this section, the Commission may issue a
12	temporary operating license, or amend the license to
13	authorize temporary operation at each specific power level
14	greater than that authorized in the initial temporary
15	operating license, as determined by the Commission, upon
16	finding that
17	''(1) in all respects other than the conduct or
18	completion of any required hearing, the requirements of
19	law are met;
20	''(2) in accordance with such requirements, there is
21	reasonable assurance that operation of the facility
22	during the period of the temporary operating license in
23	accordance with its terms and conditions will provide

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the environment during the period of temporary

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operation; and 1 2 ''(3) denial of such temporary operating license will result in delay between the date on which 3 construction of the facility is sufficiently completed, 4 5 in the judgment of the Commission, to permit issuance of the temporary operating license, and the date when such . 7 facility would otherwise receive a final operating 8 license pursuant-to-this Act. 9 The temporary operating license shall become effective upon issuance and shall contain such terms and conditions as the 10 11 Commission may deem necessary, including the duration of the license and any provision for the extension thereof. Any 12 13 final order authorizing the issuance or amendment of any Temporary operating license pursuant to this section shall 14 recite with specificity the facts and reasons justifying the 15 findings under this subsection; and shall be transmitted 16 upon such issuance to the Committees on Interior and Insular 1.7 Affairs and Energy and Commerce of the House of 18 Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate. The final order of the Commission with 20 respect to the issuance or amendment of a temporary 21 operating license shall be subject to judicial review 22 pursuant to chapter 158 of title 28, United States Code. The 23 requirements of section 189 a. of this Act with respect to 24

the issuance or amendment of facility licenses shall not

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- 1 apply to the issuance or amendment of a temporary operating
- 2 license under this section.
- 3 ''c. Any hearing on the application for the final
- 4 operating license for a facility required pursuant to
- 5 section 189 a. shall be concluded as promptly as
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- 7 operating Ticense if it finds that the applicant is not
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- 11 prejudice to the right of any party to raise any issue in a
- 12 hearing required pursuant to section 189 a.; and failure to
- 13 assert any ground for denial or limitation of a temporary
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- 20 Safety and Licensing Board conducting such hearing, shall
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- 22 that the terms and conditions of the temporary operating
- 23 license are not being met, or that such terms and conditions
- 24 are not sufficient to comply with the provisions of
- 25 paragraph (2) of subsection b.

- 1 ''d. The Commission is authorized and directed to adopt
- 2 such administrative remedies as the Commission deems
- 3 appropriate to minimize the need for issuance of temporary
- 4 operating licenses pursuant to this section.
- 5 . ''.e. The authority to issue new temporary operating
- 6 licenses under this section shall expire on December 31.
- 7 1983. . . .

## [''SHOLLY'']

- 8 OPERATING LICENSE AMENDMENT HEARINGS
- 9 SEC. 12. (a) Section 189 a. of the Atomic Energy Act of
- 10 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2239(a)) is amended--
- 11 (1) by inserting ''(1)'' after the subsection
- 12 designation; and
- 13 (2) by adding at the end thereof the following new
- 14 paragraph:
- 15 ''(2)(A) The Commission may issue and make immediately
- 16 effective any amendment to an operating license, upon a
- 17 determination by the Commission that such amendment involves
- 18 no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the
- 19 pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing
- 20 from any person. Such amendment may be issued and made
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- 23 this section whether such amendment involves no significant

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- 3 other respects such amendment shall meet the requirements of
- 4 this Act.
- 5 . ''.(B) The Commission shall periodically (but not less
- 6 frequently than once every thirty days) publish notice of
- 7 any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, as provided
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- 13 description of such amendment. Nothing in this subsection
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- 17 following the effective date of this paragraph, promulgate
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- I with the State in which the facility involved is located. ''.
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