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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Administrative Judges: Helen F. Hoyt, Chairperson Emmeth A. Luebke Jerry Harbour



In the Matter of

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ET AL. (Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-433/444-OL (Off-Site EP) May 22, 1986

ATTORNEY GENERAL FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI'S RESPONSE TO APPLICANTS' OFF-SITE EP INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (SET NO. 1) AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti hereby responds to the Applicants' Offsite EP interrogatories and request for production of documents as follows:

1. The Attorney General objects to the interrogatories and the request for production of documents on the ground that discovery may be served only upon a "party." 10 C.F.R.

§§ 2.740; 2.740b and 2.741. Per memorandum and order, dated April 29, 1986, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board rejected the single contention filed by the Attorney General in this

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proceeding. The Attorney General's right to further participate as a party in this proceeding pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.714 is therefore terminated. 10 C.F.R. § 2.714(b).1/

2. Attorney General Bellotti has filed an appeal pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.714a of the Licensing Board's Order of April 29, 1986 rejecting the Attorney General's single contention. Should the Attorney General be reinstated as a party to this proceeding pursuant to that appeal, or otherwise become a party, he shall timely file a response to the Applicants' interrogatories and request for production of documents.

Attorney General Bellotti therefore moves the Board for a protective order pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.740(c) that

^{1/} Although Attorney General Bellotti has been accorded status pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.715(c) to participate in this licensing proceeding as an "interested state," an "interested state" is not a "party." See 10 C.F.R. § 2.715(c) ("participation by a person not a party") (emphasis added). See also, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. (Perry Nuclear Power Plants, Units 1 and 2), LBP-81-35, 14 NRC 682, 688 (1981) ("Ashtabula [county] shall be admitted as a non-party participant under § 2.715(c)" (emphasis added); Mississippi Power and Light Co., (Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2), LBP-82-92, 16 NRC 1376, 1381 (1982). Moreover, Attorney General Bellotti has not at this time indicated to the Board any subject area in which he intends to participate as an "interested state." It is therefore the position of the Attorney General that, at least insofar as he has not adopted an admitted contention of another party or otherwise indicated a subject area in which he intends to participate, discovery on him pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.740b and 2.741 as a "party" may not be had.

discovery on him not be had, unless and until such time as he is reinstated as a party.

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