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North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation, et al., (Scabrook Station, Unit No. 1)

In the Matter of

Docket No. 50-443- LT (Licerse No. NPF-86)

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ANSWER OF MONTAUP ELECTRIC COMPANY TO MOTION OF THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE AND PETITION TO ALLOW INTERVENTION OUT-OF-TIME

Introduction

Under date of September 29, 1998, North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (NAESC) and Montaup Electric Company (Montaup) filed with this Commission a "License Transfer Application Requesting Consent for Transfer of Montaup Electric Company's Interest in Operating License NPF-86 f Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1 to Little Bay Power Corporation" (Application). The Application was for the transfer by Montaup of its 2.9% interest¹ in Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1 (Seabrook) to Little Bay Power Corporation (Little Bay), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bay Corp. Holdings, Ltd. which, through another whollyowned subsidiary, Great Bay Power Corporation, already is the owner of 12.1% of Seabrook².

Application at 2.

²Application at 1.

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On December 14, 1998, this Commission caused to be published in the Federal Register a "Notice of Consideration of Transfer of Facility Operating License and Issuance of Conforming Amendment, and Opportunity for a Hearing" in the above-captioned docket.³ *Inter alia*, the notice provided an opportunity for hearing pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 2, Subpart M. The notice further provided that Petitions to Intervene and Requests for a hearing should be filed on or before January 4, 1999.⁴

Under date of January 11, 1999, one week late, United Illuminating Company (UI) filed with the Secretary of the Commission a document styled: "Motion of The United Illuminating Company for Leave to Intervene and Potition to Allow Intervention Out-of-Time" (The Motion). In The Motion UI seeks to excuse its tardiness on the basis that it was "under the mistaken impression that it would have thirty days to file the intervention⁴⁶ because prior to December 3, 1998, the Commission's Regulations had so provided.⁶ What UI apparently did not advise its counsel⁷ of, was that on December 16, 1998, NAESC (one of the applicants herein and the entity that operates Seabrook for the Joint Owners of the facility) faxed to every

³63 Fed. Reg. 68801 (Dec. 14, 1998).

463 Fed. Reg. at 68802.

⁵Motion at 10.

6Id. at 8-10.

⁷Counsel submitting this answer is well acquainted with, and greatly respects, counsel acting for UI in this matter. We have no doubt that had UI disclosed to its counsel the existence of the correspondence described in the text immediately following, UI's counsel would have disclosed it in UI's filing. In short, no suggestion of improper conduct on the part of counsel is intended by what follows.

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Joint Owner, including U'," a copy of the notice and a letter from Ted C. Feigenbaum, Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer of NAESC, addressed to the Chief Executives of the Joint Owners wherein Mr. Feigenbaum specifically stated: "The notice provides interested parties until January 4, 1999 to request a hearing and file a petition to intervene on the license transfer application."⁹ A copy of this FAX is attached hereto and marked "A." Thus, UI's "mistaken impression" was maintained not only through a regulatory change, and a boliday season, but also despite a clear specific notice as to the filling date transmitted to its highest executive level by the operator of Seabrook - and, transmitted by FAX - a transmission not likely to be lost or overlooked in the holiday mail.

The Motion appears to be premised also on the theory that New England Power Company (NEP) already has accomplished its goal of obtaining a hearing in this proceeding, and UI argues in essence that its late intervention will not broaden the issues in the proceeding and that NEP cannot adequately represent UI's interests. UI supports the goals of conditioning the transfer as requested by NEP in its filing¹⁰ and wants to add even more in the nature of requirements of cash reserves to be held by the proposed transferee and its affiliates.¹¹ As seen below, both on the bases of its late filing and substantive lack of merit, The Motion should be denied.

"Attachment "A" at 2 (emphasis supplied).

¹⁰Motion of New England Power Company for Leave to Intervane, and Petition for Summary Relief or, in the Alternative, for a Hearing (hereafter "NEP Motion").

11 Motion at 7-8.

⁸In fact, UI personnel got two copies of the Fax - one to Nathaniel D. Woodson and one to James F. Crowe. See Attachment "A" at 1.

Argument

A. The Motion Should be Denied on the Basis of its Late Filing.

There simply is no excuse for the late filing here involved. This is not a mistake made by an unsophisticated putative intervenor; this is tardiness by a regulated utility which not only had Federal Register whice, but also a fax notice sent it well before the deadline by the operator of Seabrook. It strains credulity to ask one to believe that the office of the CEO of a utility would simply ignore, or forget to look at, a fax from the chief pucker officer of one of its generative, racilities. Missing a Federal Register notice has frequently been held fatal to late intervention requests.¹² It should be noted that UI alludes to attempts to settle its concerns concerning the transfer with the proposed transferee.¹³ It is not clear why it mentions these discussions in its discussion of the late-filing issue, but if the hope is to suggest that it was hulled into a false sense of security by these discussions which contributed to missing the filing date, this argument avails UI nothing. The Commission has made clear that ongoing settlement discussions will not be heard as an excuse for late filing.¹⁴ In short, there is simply

¹³Motion at 9.

¹⁴Commonwealth Edison Company (Braidwood Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2), CLI-86-8, 23 NRC 241, 244-45 (1986).

¹²Consolidated Edison Company of New York (Indian Point, Unit No. 2), LBP-82-1, 15 NRC 37, 40 (1982); South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. (Virgil C. Summer Station, Unit 1), LBP-81-11, 13 NRC 420, 423 (1981); New England Power Co. (NEP, Units 1 and 2), LBP-78-18, 7 NRC 932, 933-34 (1978).

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no good cause here for the late filing which means that UI's showing on the other factors must be extremely strong.¹⁵

UI points out that it will not broaden the issues in the proceeding because "the issues raised b; "JI are stated utially the same as those raised by NEP."¹⁶ However, there are good and substantial reasons why NEP should not be granted a hearing in this matter,¹⁷ and if that is the ruling, then there would be no hearing at all be for UI's late filing. So the showing on this factor is wholly contingent on NEP being successful in its effort and if it fails, so should UI.

As to the other relevant factor, despite its admission that the issues it raises are "substantially the same" as those raised by NEP. UI insists that NEP cannot adequately represent it. And yet, UI tells us of no witness it will produce, or evidence it will adduce, that NEP cannot. We are left with vague suggestions that NEP has a different perspective on some matters. This showing is weak indeed. The Motion should be denied on the basis of late filing.

¹⁵E.g., Duke Power Co. (Perkins Nuclear Station Units 1. 2 and 3), ALAB-431, 6 NRC 460, 462 (1977); Metropolitan Edison Company (Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2), ALAB-384, 5 NRC 612, 615 (1977); Project Management Corp. (Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant), ALAB-364, 4 NRC 383, 389 (1976); Virginia Electric & Power Co. (North Anna Station, Units 1 and 2), ALAB-289, 2 NRC 395, 398 (1975).

¹⁶Motion at 11.

¹⁷See, Answer of Montaup Electric Company to Motion of New England Power Company for Leave to Intervene and Petition for Summary Relief Or, In the Alternative, for a Hearing (January 13, 1999), passim; Answer of Little Bay Power Corporation to Motion of New England Power Company for Leave to Intervene and Petition for Summary Relief Or, In the Alternative, for a Hearing (January 13, 1999), passim.

The Motion Should be Denied Because the Contentions it B. Makes Amount to an Attack on the Regulations or a Request for a Waiver of Same

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The recently adopted regulations creating the streamlined process for approval of license

transfers sets forth particularized requirements for all hearing requests and intervention

petitions and the criteria under which this Commission will evaluate same.¹⁸ Each such

petition, ther atta, must, under 10 C.T.R. 8 2.1306(b).

"(2) Set forth the issues sought to be raised and

(i) Demonstrate that such issues are within the scope of the proceeding on the linease transfer application,

(ii) Demonstrate that such issues are relevant to the findings the NRC must make to grant the application for license-transfer,

(iii) Provide a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinions which support the petitioner's position on the issues and on which the petitioner intends to rely at hearing, together with references to the specific sources and documents on which the petitioner intends to rely to support its position on the issues, and

(iv) Provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact;"

And 10 C.F.R. § 2.1308(a) provides that in determining whether to grant a petition to

intervene or hearing request, the Commission will consider, inter alia:

1810 C.F.R. §§ 2.1306, 2.1308.

"... whether the relief requested is within the Commission's authority,"¹⁹

and, "[w]hether the issues sought to be litigated are-

(i) Within the scope of the proceeding;

(ii) Relevant to the findings the Commission must make to act on the application for license transfer;

(iii) Appropriate for litigation in the proceeding;

(iv) Adequately supported by the statements, allegations, and documentation required by 2.1306(b)(2)(iii) and (iv)."²⁰

The Motion does not even come close to meeting the requirements of the above-quoted regulations. There are vague statements to the effect that operating cost projections may be too low and decommissioning cost estimates may also be too low, and that, therefore the proposed transferee may not be able to meet its future obligations. However, there is no concise statement of the issues presented; there is no affidavit giving facts or expert opinion to support the generalizations of counsel in the pleading; and, what is left, is an attack on the Commission's regulations that allow prepayment to qualify a non-utility to own a nucleur power plant. The allegations concerning cost projections, without more, raise no issue for litigation in NRC practice. UI seeks a degree of certainty that the law does not require. The Commission has made clear that a mere allegation that a cost estimate is uncertain creates no litigable issue unless it is accompanied by allegations of fact, not surmise, that there is no

¹⁹10 C.F.R. § 2.1308(a)(3).

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reasonable assurance the costs will be paid; in short, reasonable assurance and not absolute certainty is the standard.²¹

Finally, it should be noted that UI has not complied with the requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 2.1329, which sets out the rules for seeking a waiver of a rule or regulation in Subpart M proceedings. So it is a little late for UI to find solace in that procedure.

Conclusion

The Motion should be denied.

By its attorneys,

Thomas G. Dignan, Jr. Ropes & Gray One International Place Boston, MA 02110-2624 (617) 951-7511

Dated: January 21, 1999

²¹Yankee Atomic Electric Company (Yankee Nuclear Power Station), CLI-96-7, 43 NRC 235, 245 (1996); Yankee Atomic Electric Company (Yankee Nuclear Power Station), CLI-96-1, 43 NRC 1, 9 (1996).

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To Chief Executives Seabrook Join Owners

Subject: Publication of Federal Register Notice for the Little Bay/Montaup Transfer of Control

In the December 14, 1998 Federal Register, the NRC published notice of the request for the transfer of Montaup Electric's ownership interest in Seabrook Station to Little Bay Power Corporation. A copy of the notice is attached.

The notice provides interested parties until January 4, 1999 to request a hearing and file a petition to intervene on the license transfer application. Requests for hearing and petition to intervene must be in accordance with the NRC's new procedure for license transfer applications, which became effective on December 3, 1998. As an alternative, the NRC will accept comments on the proposed action until January 13, 1999.

Very muly yours,

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Ted C. Feigenbaum Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer

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facilities, to maintain arrangements for a physician and other medical personnel qualified to handle radiation emergencies, and to maintain arrangements for the transportation of conteminated individuals to treatment (acilities outside the site boundary. Paragraph (c) of 10 CFR 70.24 exempts Part 50 bicensees from the requirements of paragraph (b) of 10 CFR 70.24 for SNM used or to be used in the reactor Paragraph (d) of 10 CFR 70.24 states that any licensee who believes that there is good cause why he should be granted an assamption from all or part of 10 CFR 70.24 may apply to the Commission for such an exemption and shall specify the reasons for the relief requested.

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The Commission's technical staff has evaluated the possibility of an inedvertent criticality of the nuclear fuel at River Bend Station (RBS), and has determined that it is extremely unlikely for such an accident to occur if the licenses meets the following seven criteria:

 Plant procedures do not permit more than 3 BWR fuel assemblies to be in storage or in transit between their psociated shipping cask and dry storage rack at one time.
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2. The k-effective of the fresh fuel storage racks filled with fuel of the maximum permissible U-235 enrichment and flooded with pure water does not exceed 0.95, at a 95% probability, 95% confidence level.

3. If optimum moderation of fuel in the fresh fuel starage racks occurs when the fresh fuel storage racks are not flooded, the k-effective corresponding to this optimum reoderation does not exceed 0.98, at a 95% probability. 85% confidence level.

4. The k-effective of spent fuel storage racks filled with fuel of the readmum permissible U-235 enrichment and flooded with pure water does not exceed 0.95, at a 95% probability. 95% confidence level.

5. The quarkity of forms of special nuclear material, other than nuclear fuel, that are stored on site in any given area is less than the quantity necessary for a critical mass.

6. Redition monitors, as required by General Design Criterion 63, are provided in fuel storage and handling areas to detect excessive radiation levels and to initiate appropriate safety actions.

7. The maximum nominal U-235 enrichment is limited to 5.0 weight percent.

By letter dated May 15, 1987, Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) requested an exemption from the requirements of

section 70.24(a) of Title 10 of the Code of Faderal Regulations. "Criticality Accident Regulations." for the River Bend Station (RBS). On June 11, 1997, the NRC requested that RBS address the seven criteria published in Information Notice 97-77. "Exemptions from the Regulations of Section 70.24 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations' in order to continue with the exemption process.

On August 12, 1998, EOI superseded the original May 15, 1997, letter and requested an eccemption from the criticality accident monitoring requirements stipulated in 10 CFR 70.24(a) specifically for the areas containing incore detectors (which are not in use) and unitradiated fuel while it is handled, used, or stored on site.

In this request the licensee addressed the seven criteria given above. The Commission's technical staff has reviewed the licensee's submitted and has determined that, except for Criteria 1 and 3 discussed below, RBS meets the applicable criteria.

RBS does not restrict fuel movement and storage of fuel assemblies that are out of their associated shipping cask to 3 assemblies. However, based on the elevation and configuration of the area where the assemblies are placed before storage into the new or spent fuel racks. the possibility of flooding is highly improbable. In addition, administrative controls are provided to restrict the firefighting practices employed in the fuel building to prevent low-density optimum moderation conditions. Firefighting form is not permitted in the area and hose stations are equipped with straight-stream nozzies while handling fuel in the fuel building or storing fuel in the new fuel vault so that the array will not be covered with mist. Therefore, the staff concludes that any array of fuel assemblies in storage or in transit while outside of their associated shipping eask will be safely subcritical under the most adverse moderation conditions feasible, and the exception to Although the RBS new fuel racks are

Although the RBS new fuel racks are designed to maintain k-effective less than 0.95 when either dry or completely flooded with water, the new fuel racks cannot meet the 0.98 k-effective limit under accident conditions of lowdensity optimum moderation (e.g., foam or mist). Therefore, solid, noncombustible, gasketed covers are provided over the new fuel vault to preclude the entrence of optimum moderation media. When these covers are removed for fuel handling, the fuel is covered by a fire retardant material to ensure that the storage erray is not moderation. As previously meationed, administrative controls are also provided to prevent optimum moderation conditions in the new fuel values that the array will not be covered with mist. Therefore, the staff concludes that a k-effective greater than 0.98 will not be attained in the new fuel storage racks and the exception to Criserion 3 is acceptable.

The purpose of the criticality monitors required by 10 CPR 70.24 is to ensure that if a criticality were to occur during the handling of SNM personnel would be alerted to that fact and would take appropriate action. The steff has determined that it is extremely unlikely that much an accident could occur. The low probability of an inadverters criticality constitutes good cause for granting an exemption to the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24(a).

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The Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 70.14, this exemption is authorized by law, will not endanget life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the licensee an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24 for the RES.

Purtuant to 10 CFR (11.32, the Commission has (leter mined that the granting of this examption will not result in any significant advance environmental impact (63 FR 63755).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December 1998.

Ray P. Ziromerman.

Acting Director. Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfor of Fectility Operating License and Issuance of Conforming Amendment, and Opportunity for a Hearing: North Attentic Energy Service Corporation, et. al.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the transfer of the interest held by Montaup Electric Company in Pacility Operating License No. NPF-86 for the Sectorook

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Section. Unit No.1 (Seabrook Station), located in Rockinghem County. New Hampshire. and considering issuance of a conforming amendment under 10 CFR \$0.90.

Consent to the proposed transfer would authorize Little Bay Power Corporation (Little Bay) to possess the ownership interest in the Seabrook Station new held by Montaup Electric Company (Montaup). Little Bay Is a whally owned subsidiary of BayCorp Holdings. Ltd., which is the holding company that also owns Great Bay Power Corporation, an existing owner of the Seebrook Station. North Adantic Energy Service Corporation, the sole licensed operator of the facility, would remain as the Managing Agent for the 11 joint Owners of the facility and would continue to have stoclustve responsibility for the management. operation and maintenance of the Seabrook Station. The license would be amanded for administrative purposes to nethect the Lansfer of Montaup's ownership incress to Little Bay.

The proposed transfer does not involve a change in the rights, obligations, or interests of the other coowners of the Seabrook Station. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, the

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, the Commission may approve the transfer of a license, or any right therounder, effer notice to interested persons. Such approval is contingent upon the Commission's determination that the transferee is qualified to hold the license and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders of the Commission.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendament, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1984, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2,1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the ligense of a utilization facility which thes no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significare hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the eneric determination reflected in 10 CPR 2.1515, no public coraments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited. norwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing, and pectators for leave to intervent, and written comments with regard to the

conster application, are discussed below.

By January 4, 1999, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may requese a hearing and, if not the applicant, may petision for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to improvene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M. "Public Nouffication, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1908(a). Untimely requests may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition an untimely request should address the factors that the Commission will also consider. In reviewing untimely requests, set forth in TO CFR 2.1308(6)(1)-(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon the applicant: the General Coursel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order graning or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the Federal Register and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an elternative to requests for hearing and petitions to Intervene, by January 13, 1999, persons may submik written comments regarding the littense constar application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2,1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respend to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the applications for consent to transfer Montaup's Interest in the license and issuance of a conforming

amendment submitted under cover of a letter dated September 29, 1998, from North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Streat, NW... Washington, DC, and at the local public document room Jocaced at the Exeter Public Library. Founders Park, Exeter, NH 03833.

Datod as Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Oecil O. Thermas,

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ACTORS Notice of receipt of a request from Rio Algorn Mining Corporation to revise a situ-reclamation milestone in License No. SUA-1119 for the Lisbon. Utah, facility and notice of opportunity for a hearing.

SUBMANY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated October 23, 1998, a request from Rie Algom Mining Corporation (Rio Algom) to amend License Condition (LC) \$5 A. (3) of Source Matarial License SUA-1116 for the Lisbon, Utah, facility. The license emendment request proposes to modify LC 55 A. (3) to change the completion date for placement of the final radon barrier on the pile. The date proposed by Rio Algom would extend completion of the funal radon barrier by 16 years. POR FURITHER INPORMATION CONTACTI Myron Fliegel. Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. Washington, DC 20555, Telephone (301) 415-6629.

BUPPLEMENTARY MPORMATION: The portion of LC 55 A (3) with the proposed change would read as follows:

A. To ensure timely compliance with target completion datas assablished in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Environmental Protection Agency (56 FR 55432, October 25, 1991), the licensee shall complete reclamation to control radon emissions as expediziously as practicable.

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A11 :33 I, Thomas G. Dignan, Jr., one of the attorneys for Montaup Electric Company, hereby certify that on January 21, 1999, I made service of the within document in conformity with U.S.N.R.C. Regulations upon the following persons: AD.I

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