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SUBJECT: PETITIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 10 CFR 2.206 REGARDING
THE OPERATION OF THE RIVER BEND STATION AND PERRY NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT

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In recent conversations with NRC staff, the PNPP licensee requested an additional 2 to 3 weeks to prepare the written responses, citing the need for more time to address the issues raise in the November 9, 1998, UCS Petition. As a result, the NRC has granted an additional 11 calender days to the PNPP and RBS licensees to submit their written responses to your Petition.

If you have any questions regarding the September 25, and November 9, 1998 Petitions, please contact Mr. Robert Fretz at (301) 415-1324.

Sincerely,
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Docket Nos. 50-440, 50-458

Enclosures: (1) January 26, 1999 letter to RBS Licensee
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