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Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures: As stated

cc: Rep. William F. Clinger, Jr.

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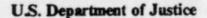
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Re: In The Matter Of Seabrook Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2 (Docket Nos. 50-443 and 50-444), Amendment No. 57 to License Application Dated March 30, 1973, Request for a Partial Transfer of Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-135 and CPPR-136

Dear Mr. Rutberg:

You have requested our advice pursuant to Section 105(c) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, in connection with the purchase by EUA Power Company of an ownership interest in the above-captioned nuclear facility.

EUA Power Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eastern Utilities Associates will purchase an interest totalling approximately 12% of the two Seabrook units from Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, Central Maine Power Company, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Maine Public Service Company and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Co.

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Acting Assistant Attorney General

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