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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEWINGTON NUCLEAR STATION

In response to Mr. Harold Os... 's letter of September 12, 1968, I informed him by telephone on September 19, 1968 that we could not give him a copy of a draft report by the Corps of Engineers on occurrence and intensity of hurricanes.

I restated our offer to let him see our copy when he is in Bethesda, or to read specific data to him by phone.

D. R. Muller, Chief
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MEETING WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
REGARDING THE NEWINGTON SITE

Messrs. Eliot Priest and William T. Nickerson representatives of Public Service of New Hampshire met with D. R. Muller and C. J. Hale October 2, 1968, to discuss their progress since the August meeting.

The Public Service Company has contracted several of the long lead-time components and have initiated a study of the Newington site. (See attachment for brief site description.)

Aside from the fact that the Newington site is small and the population density is large the applicant feels their greatest problem with the site is the close proximity of the SAC Pease Air Force Base. We were asked whether DRL has criteria with respect to reactors near airports. We advised them that such criteria have not been finalized but that a similar problem had been encountered at Three Mile Island. Public Service has retained Pickard and Lowe to study the problem in more detail.

Public Service is looking for a more suitable site with little success. It appears, although not stated, that they are considering abandoning the Newington site in view of the close proximity of the SAC Base.

Mr. Priest stated if Public Service decides to abandon the Newington site we would be advised before any such statement was made public.

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NEWINGTON NUCLEAR STATION SITE

Newington is in the southeast portion of New Hampshire. The 157 acre site is situated on the Piscataqua River approximately one and a half miles northwest of the Portsmouth city limits. Directly south of the site lies Pease Air Force Base (SAC). The base runway is lateral to the site and less than two miles from the proposed reactor location. The New Hampshire-Maine border is the Piscataqua River. Population distribution is not available but an estimate of 40,000 within a five mile site radius would be conservative.