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Dear Dr. Rossin:

We understand that you have received a copy of Long Island Lighting Company's (LILCO's) request for authorization from the NRC to operate the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station at 25% Power. The NRC staff is currently reviewing the LILCO request.

In its request, LILCO discussed certain "compelling reasons" among its bases for the authorization to operate Shoreham at 25% power. Two of these "compelling reasons" are:

- A. Long Island's Immediate Need for Power; and
- B. Long Island's Immediate Need to Reduce its Dependence on Foreign Oil.

Because of your familiarity with these two issues and because you may already have gathered the relevant information when you recently (March 27, 1987) responded to the Department of Commerce (DOC) on LILCO's appeal to DOC regarding permits to dredge the Shoreham intake canal, we request you provide us with an evaluation of the LILCO request pertaining to these two issues. Your evaluation on these two issues will be helpful in our efforts to determine whether there are compelling reasons to justify an interim authorization for the operation of Shoreham at 25% power. We would appreciate receiving your response by May 22, 1987.

Dr. Ronnie Lo of my staff is the project manager leading the NRC staff's review effort. He can be reached at (301) 492-9787, if you should have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

/s/
B. Boger for

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