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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Re: In the Matter of Public Service Company of New Hampshire, et al. (Seabrook Station, Unit 1) Docket No. 50-443-0L (Offsite EP)

Dear Judge Rosenthal:

I regret that lack of communication on SAPL's part created any confusion as to SAPL's intentions in regard to the oral argument on appeal of the Licensing Board's decision not to address the issue of the financial qualification of Seabrook's owners for full power operation. SAPL is not intending to participate in the cral argument on July 12, 1989 but will stand on its brief filed with the Appeal Board on April 13, 1989. Mr. Traficonte has conveyed to me that he will be arguing the appeal only for the Massachusetts Attorney General.

As noted in SAPL's brief at p. 7, it is the merits of the issue of the financial qualification of Seabrook's owners to operate the plant this is of central concern rather than the procedural issue of whether the Board erred in disallowing SAPL's late filed contention.

Again, you have my apologies for any inconvenience caused to the Appeal Board or your staff by our lack of explicit notification regarding SAPL's decision not to participate in tomorrow's oral argument.

Sincerely,

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