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Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairperson
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington DC 20555

Dear Madam:

Please be advised that the Town Board, at a meeting held on September 28, 1999, adopted the following Resolution(s):

Resolution #: 1079

MILLSTONE NUCLEAR FACILITY

cc: Richard Blowes, Commissioner of General Services
William Young, Mayor
Robert Reiser, Mayor
Joseph Romanowsky, Mayor
Gary Vegliante, Mayor
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Senator Charles Schumer
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Sincerely yours,

Marietta M. Seaman
Town Clerk

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:RESOLUTION: 1079
:CATEGORY: NUCLEAR REACTORS
:SPONSORED BY: PAH
:TITLE: MILLSTONE NUCLEAR FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton is one of five townships comprising the entire eastern end of Long Island containing a year round population of more than 110,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, the function of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), a federal agency regulating interests in the energy industry, is to protect the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton is ultimately responsible for the safety, health, and emergency preparedness of the citizens of the Town; and

WHEREAS, there is an apparent lack of any federal requirements for Northeast Utilities in Waterford, Connecticut to include the East End of Long Island in its evacuation planning, despite the fact that the reactors are located approximately fifteen miles across the Long Island Sound from the shores of eastern Long Island, and have evidenced a poor record of compliance to safety regulations; Northeast Utilities have not been permitted to operate the three reactors since 1985 due to operational problems, including improper procedures for refueling; Millstone One has been permanently shut down due to past safety violations, however, the NRC granted permission for Northeast Utilities to reopen and operate Millstone Two and Millstone Three; Millstone Three is presently running since June 1998 and Northeast Utilities will be trying to restart Millstone Two in Spring 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton, together with other communities of the East End, have concerns that the requirements of safety and a safety-conscious work environment have not been adequately shown by Northeast Utilities to neighboring communities, despite recent approvals granted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that even low level radiation from an operating nuclear reactor is carcinogenic; a risk of increased cancer rates due to radioactive pollution is cited; and the potential exists that nuclear accidents at these sites across the Long Island Sound may pose health and safety threats to the communities of the Peconic Region with catastrophic effects to our population, ecosystems, and local economy and no evacuation plan in existence, no requirement for such plan for Northeast

Utilities, and no possible evacuation plan appears forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 1999, the Town Board adopted Local No. 457 of 1999 requesting closure of the Millstone facility and establishment of a 50 mile emergency planning zone, and requesting preparation of an emergency planning feasibility study for a 50 mile radius; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 457 also requires unanimous consent of the Town Board for any action to accept, approve, implement or appropriate money in connection with an emergency plan for Millstone facility, subject to approval by the voters at a mandatory referendum on November 2, 1999; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton hereby requests the permanent closure of the entire Millstone Nuclear facility in Waterford, Connecticut; and be it further

RESOLVED, pending closure, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton requests environmental monitoring of Long Island and Long Island Sound, including, but not limited to, monitoring for radiation, radioactive isotopes and toxics, including hydrazine, which are released into Long Island Sound or other waters of East Long Island, and to the atmosphere, whether accidentally, routinely, or occasionally; and be it further

RESOLVED, all such monitoring should be conducted not only on an emergency basis, but also on a regular basis, at the sole cost of the owners and operators of the Millstone facility, including shareholders of Northeast Utilities, and under the direction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, the cost of all monitoring conducted by the State of New York or the County of Suffolk should be reimbursed by the owners and/or operators of Millstone; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board requests that the results of all monitoring be delivered to the Town Board of the Town of Southampton on a regular basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the following:

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, Chair, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Congressman Mike Forbes, 1500 William Floyd Parkway, Suite 303, Shirley, NY 11967

Senator Charles Schumer, #229, Senate, Dirksen Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510

Towns and Villages of the East End of Long Island