

From: Sharon Johnson, *CI*  
To: Glenn Meyer; Scott Barber  
Date: 3/22/04 2:02PM  
Subject: PSE&G - EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST - RI-2003-A-0138

~~Mr. Keenan~~ and ~~Mr. Lake~~ contacted our office at 1:00 p.m. today to request an extension of time to respond to alleg RI-2003-A-0138 (the NEO issue).

The allegation was received 10/24/03 - and was not referred until 2/24/04. The referral response is due to us on 3/24/04. ~~Mr. Keenan~~ stated that ~~Mr. Lake~~, ECP Manager, has conducted interviews regarding the 7 issues we have referred to PSE&G and that his report is basically final - but - based on the 2/28/04 PSE&G response to the NRC, there is apparently an independent review team on site looking at these types of issues. ~~Mr. Keenan~~ wants the independent review team to review PSE&G's response to our referral letter for RI-2003-A-0138. The independent review team will not be able to look at the PSE&G response 3/24-26/04.

Bottom line ~~Mr. Keenan~~ has asked for an extension until 4/2/04 to respond. He probably would have liked more time but does not want to cause us any time constraint problems.

I believe it was expected that this alleg would exceed the 150 day clock to answer the tech issues. Today, 3/22/04 is the 150th day for the tech issues. The 180 day clock for the tech issues is 4/21/04.

To follow Mr. Wiggins directions after the time constraint situation encountered with the Fitz alleg(s), and his direction that WE MUST INFORM THE BRANCH CHIEF BEFORE GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME.

Please respond via e-mail so that I know I have the authority to grant the extension of time to PSE&G.

Thanks  
Sharon

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