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In the matter of
ATLAS CORP.
(Moab, Utah Facility)

Docket No. 40-3453-MLA

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CLI-97-8

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The Commission denies the appeal filed by Mr. John F. Darke June 2, 1997, and affirms the Presiding Officer's order, LBP-97-9, 45 NRC 414 (May 16, 1997). We do so on the grounds set forth in LBP-97-9. In that order, the Presiding Officer rejected Mr. Darke's request for a formal hearing, concluded that Mr. Darke had not met his burden to establish standing to intervene, and dismissed the proceeding.

We ordinarily defer to Licensing Board standing determinations. See Yankee Atomic Elec. Co. (Yankee Nuclear Power Station), CLI-96-7, 43 NRC 235, 248 (1996). Here, we see no legal error or abuse of discretion in the Presiding Officer's refusal to grant standing to Mr. Darke, given his failure to offer more than general responses to the Presiding Officer's reasonable and clearly articulated requests for more specific information about Mr.

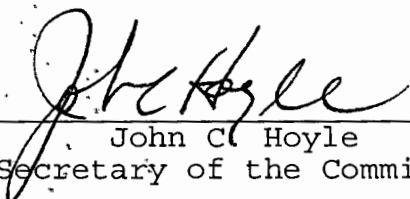
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Darke's proximity-based standing claims. The four opportunities which Mr. Darke had to specify his claims were entirely adequate.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



For the Commission


John C. Hoyle
Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Rockville, Maryland,
this 4th day of August, 1997.

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing COMM MEMO & ORDER (CLI-97-8) have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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