

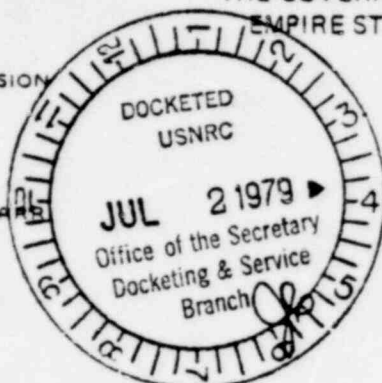
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Re: PSC CASE 80008 and NRC Dockets 50-596 &
50-597 -- NYSE&G & LILCO -- New Haven

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the reply comments of the Staff of the Department of Public Service on the proposed Protocol For The Conduct Of Joint Hearings Before The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission And The New York State Board On Electric Generation Siting And The Environment and proposed Rules of Discovery.

As we indicated to Judge Matias today we are filing this document one day late due to an unavoidable delay.

Very truly yours,

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CASE 80008 - NRC Dockets 50-596 and 50-597 - New Haven 1 and 2.

REPLY BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
TO COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PROTOCOL FOR
JOINT HEARINGS BEFORE THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
AND NEW YORK STATE SITING BOARD AND THE PROPOSED
RULES OF DISCOVERY FOR THE JOINT HEARINGS

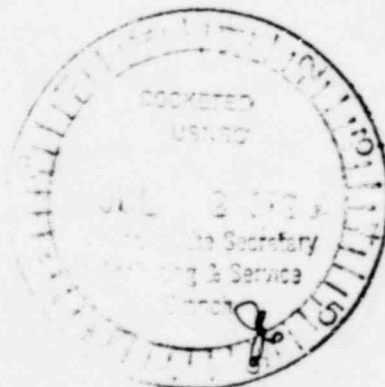
I. COMMENTS BY NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS.

A. Preliminary Statement And Background.

On July 11, 1979 New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (the applicant or NYSEG) filed comments on the proposed protocol for joint hearings (joint protocol) and Department of Public Service Staff's (Staff) second set of proposed discovery rules which were transmitted to the parties on May 28, 1979. The applicant proposes changes to the joint protocol and discovery rules which relate to the timing and process of identifying "contentions" or "issues" that will subsequently be the focus of evidentiary hearings.

The joint protocol as proposed by Staff calls for issue identification following issuance of the Draft Environmental Statement (DES).

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