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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	Docket Nos.
Commonwealth Edison Company)	50-454
(Byron Station, Units 1 and 2))	50-455

MOTION OF COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY
FOR LEAVE TO FILE INSTANTER ITS ANSWER
TO THE CONTENTIONS OF THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Commonwealth Edison Company (hereinafter cited as "Edison" or "Applicant"), pursuant to 10 CFR §2.711(a), moves to file instanter its answer to the contentions submitted by the League of Women Voters of Rockford, Illinois (hereinafter cited as "Petitioners") on Edison's application for an operating license for Byron Station, Units 1 and 2.

ARGUMENT

Petitioner filed amended contentions in late July, 1979 and answers from Applicant to those contentions were due August 14, 1979. Because of the gross deficiencies in the form of Petitioner's Amended Contentions, attorneys for Applicant contacted Mrs. Johnson on August 9, 1979 to attempt to arrange a meeting between Petitioners, Applicant and the NRC Staff to revise Petitioner's contentions. At

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that time, it was agreed in principle to meet, and only the time and place of the meeting were left open. On August 10, 1979, a firm date and location for the meeting were agreed on. However, on August 13, 1979, Mrs. Johnson informed Applicant that the meeting would have to be cancelled because Petitioner's representatives would be unable to attend the meeting. This cancellation was on the day before answers were due to Petitioner's Contentions.

As a result of Petitioner's last minute cancellation of the meeting to revise Petitioner's Contentions, Applicant was not afforded adequate time to respond in writing to Petitioner's Amended Contentions. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Board authorize Applicant to file instant its "Answer of Commonwealth Edison Company to the Contentions of the League of Women Voters of Rockford, Illinois."

Dated: August 20, 1979

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