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## TOWN OF GARDINER

GARDINER, NEW YORK 12525

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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Denial of Right to Intervene - NRC STN 50 - 596 & 50 - 597

Gentlemen:

We appreciate the decision of your staff to deny us intervenor status in the case of New York Electric and Gas - Long Island Lighting proposed New Haven (New York) reactors 1 and 2. We repeat that our interest in the case indicated in the NYEG news release of March 12, 1979, is as the site for nuclear reactors alternate to the proposed New Haven site. The NRC staff is correct in concluding that we are 'distant' from New Haven. However, in the case of the Cementon nuclear reactor proposal of Power Authority of the State of New York, for which the NRC recommended denial last February, the same staff referred to '....six alternate sites in the Hudson Valley preferable to... Cementon'. Gardiner could be so nominated.

We could then expect to be designated intervenor though at that stage, both we, the NRC, and applicant would have to spend a great deal more time and money on the whole proceeding. Our interest in pleading for intervenor status in the New Haven siting is to avoid these potential future difficulties, to contribute information which we have so that your ultimate decision can be 'informed' concerning alternate sites since you have recommended those in the recent past.

We could also dispute your staff conclusions concerning our lack of 'standing' in regard to fission product spread and electric distribution facilities affecting the citizens of the Town of Gardiner. However, our interest in becoming an intervenor is because of our possible alternate site status. We would appreciate being informed of whether we are being considered as an alternate site to New Haven or whether we are not.

If we are an alternate site, then we respectfully request leave to intervene in the New Haven siting for the reasons briefly outlined above.

Very truly yours,

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