

NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK 13902

June 15, 1979

NYNRC - E041
File No. T3.2P

Response Requested

Mr. Harold Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: New Haven 1 and 2
Docket No. STN50-596 and STN50-597
Review Schedules

Dear Mr. Denton:

As a result of the NRC meeting with several utilities on June 13, and separate discussions with you and members of the staff, it is our understanding that the environmental review will be continued generally consistent with the schedule proposed to the Joint Hearing Board which calls for a DES in April of 1980. We also understand that, because of your current resource shortage and the priority of other applications, there will be no Safety review of our project until January, 1980.

While we recognize the factors that have led you to make these changes to the original review schedules, we believe that the special geological aspects of the New Haven site require a continuation of the NRC review effort. The geological feature discovered near New Haven have been identified and discussed in our application. NRC review questions currently received have asked to relate this feature to those identified at the Nine Mile Point 2 site. If the staff intends to continue the review of the Nine Mile Point 2 fault issue, we believe it is necessary to also review the geology information provided on the New Haven application.

419 228

COO2
ES/10

7906220342,

(2)

We would appreciate it if we could continue to use Mr. R. Capra as a point of contact for specific issues or questions which we may have. We are aware of his temporary additional duties, and we do not expect to unduly burden him with our requests, but we have established a very good working relationship with Mr. Capra and believe this will be important to the continuity of the review process during this disruption and in the future.

Very truly yours,



A. E. Kintigh
Vice President-Generation

AEK/mjp

419 229