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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	Doc. Nos. 50-338SP
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY)	50-339SP
(North Anna Power Station, Units)	(Proposed Amendment to
1 and 2))	Operating License NPF-4)

VEPCO'S ANSWER TO POTOMAC ALLIANCE'S
MOTION TO AMEND PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

On May 9, 1979, the Potomac Alliance, intervenor in this proceeding, filed a "Motion to Amend Petition for Leave to Intervene," asking to add a new contention to the issues in this proceeding:

Service Water Cooling System

The intervenor contends that the service water cooling system for the facility will be inadequate to support the component cooling system for the spent fuel pool if the proposed modification of the pool is permitted.

The asserted "good cause" for raising the new contention at this point was Licensing Event Report 79-044, in which Vepco reported the effects of increased service water reservoir and component cooling water temperature on the spent fuel pool cooling system.

Vepco will agree to the introduction of a new issue based on the Licensing Event Report just cited. Vepco believes, however, that a better statement of the contention would be the fol-

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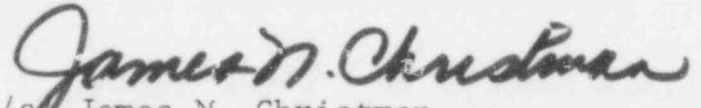
The intervenor contends that, in light of the increased service water temperatures, the fuel pool cooling system will be inadequate to cool the spent fuel pool below the FSAR limits (that is, 140°F for the normal condition and 170°F for the abnormal condition) if the proposed modification to the pool is permitted.

Vepco reserves the right to contend that the evidence on this issue should be limited to the incremental effects of the proposed modification, that is, that the only question for resolution in this proceeding is the question whether the spent fuel pool cooling system becomes inadequate, in light of the revised maximum service water temperature, because 966 instead of 416 fuel assemblies may be stored in the modified fuel pool.

Also, Vepco renews its motion for summary disposition as to this issue, based on the Statement of Material Facts and the affidavits submitted with Vepco's Motion for Summary Disposition of May 11, 1979. The issue was expressly addressed in the May 11 Motion.

Respectively submitted,

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