

NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK 13902

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NYNRC - E049  
File No. M1.1

Mr. Harold Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

SUBJECT: New Haven 1 & 2  
Docket No. STN 50-596 & STN 50-597  
Status of Application

Dear Mr. Denton:

On October 12, 1979, the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) issued an order dismissing Case 80008. We plan to move for rehearing before the Siting Board pursuant to Public Service Law 148 which is a prerequisite to appealing the order of dismissal.

In light of the present uncertainty of the extent of state agency participation and the status of the agencies participating in this joint NRC-New York State proceeding, the present uncertainty of the role of agencies of the state acting as consultants to the NRC Staff on environmental matters, and the uncertainty of the outcome of the motion for rehearing or any appeal, we believe that it is inappropriate to proceed with the review of the application at this time.

We have directed our contractors and the NSSS supplier to place this project in a state of suspension until these issues are resolved. We are currently planning, assuming Case 80008 is

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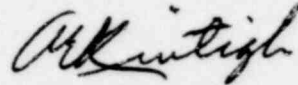
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reinstated, to have the project reactivated in June 1980. We will continue to keep you informed of any developments regarding this application.

Very truly yours,



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