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Gentlemen:

On March 26, 1981, the Board issued an Order in this proceeding scheduling evidentiary hearings for May 11-22 and June 1-12, 1981, to complete hearings on environmental issues and to begin hearings on health and safety issues. Testimony on certain health and safety issues was filed with the Board and parties on April 20, 1981, and testimony on additional issues will be filed on May 11, 1981.

The Applicant and the NRC Staff are engaged in discussions relating to the filing of testimony and evidentiary hearings on the remaining health and safety issues which have not been scheduled for hearing. As a result of these discussions, Applicant and Staff anticipate that testimony on most of these remaining issues can be filed on June 26, 1981, with evidentiary hearings to begin July 13, 1981. Accordingly, Applicant and Staff respectfully request the Board to schedule evidentiary hearings on these issues for



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the period July 13-17 and July 20-24 or as soon thereafter as the Board is available. A two week hearing session should be sufficient time to complete hearings on these issues.

Applicant and Staff will furnish the Board and the parties by May 18, 1981 with a list of the contentions to be heard during the July hearing sessions.

Sincerely yours,

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