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Commissioner Thomas M. Roberts
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Chairman and
Members of the Commission:

I have been informed that the NRC is considering issuance of an Order which would permit LILCO to operate Shoreham at low power even though there presently is no workable offsite emergency response plan for Shoreham and even though there is no likelihood that there ever will be such a plan. I also understand that the NRC proposes to issue this Order without ever soliciting the views of interested parties -- including Suffolk County, within whose boundaries the plant would operate.

The NRC should not proceed with the Order.

1. There is no means to provide effective emergency preparedness for Long Island. The Order which you are considering ignores this basic fact.

2. LILCO has submitted a so-called "Transition Plan," which is a purported offsite "plan" which LILCO alone would attempt to implement. No local government supports LILCO's plan. It is, in fact, unworkable. FEMA's preliminary review of that "plan" (a review that never even focused on the central issue of whether LILCO could ever implement its "plan") found many inadequacies.

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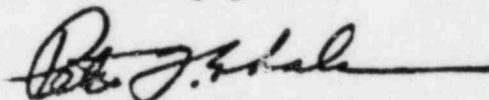
3. The Commission is proposing to act in haste, without even allowing the parties to address the question whether low power operation should be permitted prior to resolution of the offsite emergency planning controversy. Suffolk County is prepared to submit detailed legal papers addressing why no low power operation should be considered under the present circumstances. I personally am available to meet with you to bring to your attention the vital local concerns associated with this matter.

The people of Suffolk County have deep and genuine concerns regarding their safety if Shoreham were permitted to operate. The haste with which you are proceeding -- and the fact that you do not propose to extend even the courtesy of soliciting the views of those persons most directly affected by your action -- can only further deepen suspicions that the NRC does not care enough about the safety of Suffolk County's citizens to act with due deliberation and open-mindedness.

Accordingly, I request that you:

- Postpone further consideration of the Order;
- Schedule submission of briefs by the parties; and
- Schedule a time when I and other interested parties can personally address you on this important matter.

Sincerely yours,



PETER F. CHALAN
SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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