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Re: Puget Sound Power & Light Company, et al.
Skagit/Hanford Nuclear Project, Units 1 and 2
EFSEC Application No. 81-1
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-522 and STN 50-523

Gentlemen:

Applicants believe that recent developments have brought the state and federal licensing proceedings relating to the Skagit/Hanford Nuclear Project to the point where it would be feasible and appropriate for the Council and the Licensing Board, in consultation with the parties, to establish a schedule for the various evidentiary hearings involved.

The recent developments we have in mind include the Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order of October 29 admitting the Yakima Indian Nation to the NRC proceeding, the Appeal Board's decision of October 29 (ALAB-700) instructing the Licensing Board to grant the petition to intervene of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and the recent agreement between EFSEC and the NRC Staff establishing March 1, 1983 as the date for issuance of the joint EFSEC/NRC Final Environmental Statement, as explained in the letter of November 3, 1982 from Mr. Lewis to Mr. Wolf (copy enclosed). Also to be noted is the fact that the first round of discovery (among previously admitted parties) in the NRC proceeding has been completed.

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To facilitate the consideration of scheduling matters by the Council, the Licensing Board, and the parties, we are enclosing a proposed schedule. The following discussion may be of help in understanding this schedule.

1. ASLB - Health & Safety Issues. This refers to the hearing before the Licensing Board only (not including EFSEC) on whatever health and safety issues need to be addressed in an evidentiary hearing, including any health and safety contentions that may remain after ruling on motions for summary disposition. We recognize that issuance by the NRC Staff of a further supplement to the Safety Evaluation Report is a necessary prerequisite to this segment of the hearings. Our understanding is that such a supplement will be issued in December, which should permit this segment of the hearings to begin on February 15, 1983, as shown on the proposed schedule.
2. EFSEC - State Issues. This refers to the hearing before EFSEC only (not including the Licensing Board) on local issues of concern to the Council, as listed on the proposed schedule.
3. EFSEC/ASLB Joint Hearing - First Session. This refers to the first session of the joint EFSEC/ASLB hearing on environmental issues common to both the state and federal proceedings. Issuance of the joint FES is a prerequisite to presentation of the NRC Staff's case on these matters. If the FES is issued by March 1, 1983, as currently scheduled, this should permit this segment of the hearings to begin on April 19, as shown on the proposed schedule. Our thought is that this first session would cover all environmental issues except alternative resources and need-for-power.
4. EFSEC/ASLB Joint Hearing - Final Session. As indicated, this session would cover alternative resources and need-for-power. We believe all parties agree that it would be wise to wait until the Regional Plan to be issued by the Regional Council becomes available in final form before going to hearing on these two subjects. Since the final version of the Regional Plan is scheduled to be issued on April 28, 1983, that should permit commencing the hearing on these subjects on May 17, as indicated on the proposed schedule.

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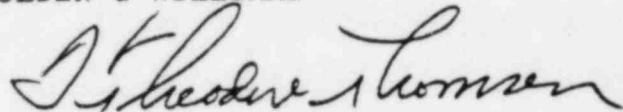
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We would appreciate knowing whether the enclosed schedule would be acceptable to the members of the Council and the Licensing Board or, if not, what their preferences would be.

We also invite comments from the other parties and agree with the suggestion of Chairman Lewis that it would be useful for all concerned to meet soon to agree upon a reasonable and achievable schedule (or possibly a conference call would suffice). We think it would also be appropriate to establish specific dates for such preliminary matters as the completion of discovery, the filing of motions for summary disposition, and the filing of testimony and exhibits.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures: (1) Letter Lewis to Wolf, Nov. 3, 1982
(2) Applicants' Proposed Schedule, Nov. 8, 1982

cc w/encs: Attached NRC Service List
Attached EFSEC Distribution List