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The Honorable Kenneth M. Carr
 Chairman
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Carr:

It has come to our attention that the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations has prepared numerous evaluations of operations at Seabrook Nuclear Power Station. Many of these reports appear to show safety deficiencies at the plant.

At the Interior Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations hearing on March 14, 1990, you stated that while you have access to these INPO documents, you had not reviewed them prior to issuing the full power license.

We have grave concerns with this decision. At the March 14 hearing, consumer advocate Ralph Nader and Robert Pollard, Nuclear Safety Engineer at the Union of Concerned Scientists, testified that "the contents of the INPO evaluations compel a conclusion that the NRC had -- and continues to have -- no valid technical basis for permitting the Seabrook nuclear power plant to operate. At the very least, given the Administration's position on nuclear power, the Seabrook plant should not be permitted to operate unless and until the PSNH completes its planned corrective actions and the NRC reviews those actions and determines that the safety deficiencies have been corrected."

In light of your access to these safety evaluations and their direct relevance to the licensing proceedings, we are requesting that you provide us with these INPO documents no later than Thursday, March 22, 1990. Moreover, we request that you determine the extent to which your staff has reviewed INPO documents relevant to Seabrook, report to us the identity of the reviewer, the identity of the document, the place and time each was reviewed, and what action, if any, was taken as a result of each review. Furthermore, to the extent that your staff did review the documents, please provide a detailed justification as to why the

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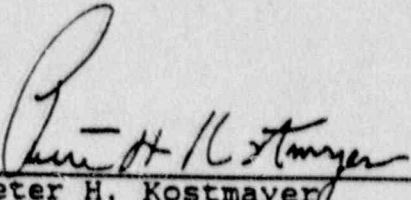
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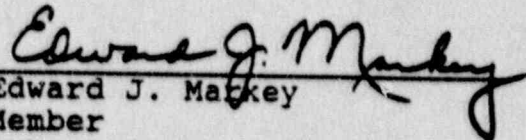
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staff believed that such safety deficiencies did not necessitate immediate corrective action or preclude the issuance of a full power license for Seabrook.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE, ET AL.
(Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2)

Docket No.(s) 50-443/444-DL

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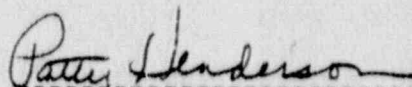
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