



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION '82 APR 12 P3:28

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of
ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY, et al.

(Palo Verde Nuclear Generating
Station, Units 1, 2 and 3)

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) Docket Nos. STN 50-528
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JOINT APPLICANTS' ANSWER TO INTERVENOR'S
MOTION TO DEFER ISSUANCE
OF NOTICE OF LICENSE HEARING

On March 25, 1982, Joint Applicants received by mail Intervenor's Motion to Defer Issuance of Notice of License Hearing, dated March 22, 1982. In her motion Intervenor seeks to have the Licensing Board defer "the proposed issuance of the notice of hearing date pending investigation and clarification of recent disclosures made by the Staff."

On March 23, 1982, the Licensing Board served a Notice of Public Hearing on Application for Operating Licenses, dated March 19, 1982, setting April 27, 1982, as the date for commencement of the hearing in this proceeding. Because the notice of hearing has already been issued, Intervenor's motion is moot. The relief she requests cannot be granted, and her motion, therefore, must be denied.

In view of the fact that Intervenor's motion is moot, there is no need for Joint Applicants to encumber this answer with reasons why the matters set forth by Intervenor in support

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of her motion would not warrant the deferral of the issuance of a notice of hearing, or of the hearing itself. Nonetheless, Joint Applicants wish to make clear that their decision not to respond to such matters should not be construed as a waiver of their right to do so should Intervenor hereafter refer to such matters in any further attempt to delay this proceeding.

Based on the foregoing, Joint Applicants respectfully request that Intervenor's Motion to Defer Issuance of License Hearing be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "Joint Applicants' Answer to Intervenor's Motion to Defer Issuance of Notice of License Hearing" have been served on the following individuals by deposit in the United States mail, properly addressed and with postage prepaid, this 6th day of April, 1982.

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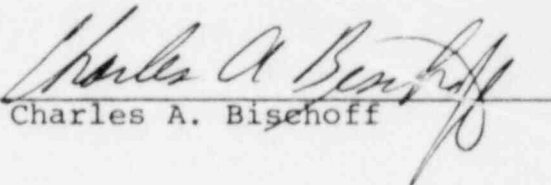
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