



Antitrust Division

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Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Seabrook Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
NRC Docket Nos. 50-443A and 50-444A

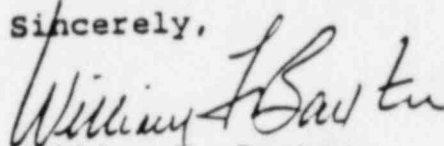
Dear Mr. Cunningham:

You have requested our advice pursuant to Section 105(c), of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2135(c), in regard to a transfer of ownership interest in the above-referenced units from the New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company ("New Bedford") to the Canal Electric Company. Under the proposed transfer, Canal Electric Company would receive New Bedford's 1.34927 percent interest in the Seabrook units, representing approximately 31 megawatts, as well as its executory rights to an additional 2.1739 percent interest in the Seabrook units, representing approximately 50 megawatts. Both New Bedford and Canal Electric Company are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the New England Gas and Electric Association.

The Department advised the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on December 4, 1973, that New Bedford's participation in the Seabrook units, along with that of a number of other small utilities in the New England area, would not create or maintain a situation inconsistent with the antitrust laws. Our review of the information submitted in connection with the current request, as well as other relevant information, has disclosed that the proposed transfer of ownership interest from New Bedford to its sister company does not appear to present any antitrust problems that would warrant a change in our prior advice. Accordingly, it is the Department's view that no

antitrust hearing is necessary with respect to the proposed transfer of ownership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William F. Baxter".

William F. Baxter
Assistant Attorney General
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