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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF)
NEW HAMPSHIRE, et al.,)

(Seabrook Station Units 1 and 2))

Docket Nos.

50-443 OL

50-444 OL

SUPPLEMENT TO NECNP REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION
OR EXTENSION

In the last paragraph of NECNP Request for Clarification of Schedule for Filing Contentions or for an Extension of Time, filed April 2, 1982, we made the following statement:

As a result of the confusion which has arisen from the recent informal conversation between NRC staff attorney Roy Lessy and the Board Chairman, NECNP requests clarification of the Board's schedule.

Upon reflection, we are concerned that this language may create a misimpression concerning the role of NRC Staff Counsel or his responsibility for confusion that has developed concerning the schedule for filing contentions. Accordingly, NECNP emphasizes that it does not view NRC Staff Counsel as having contributed to or created any confusion. To the contrary, we understand he approached the Board Chairman

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after having been contacted by other parties who were uncertain about the schedule. Since the parties agreed, this appears to have been a proper, and indeed, helpful action on his part.

The confusion arose from NECNP's point of view only when NRC Staff Counsel relayed the results of his conversation. He reported, we understand accurately, that the Board Chairman considered the contentions to be due on April 6, 1982. Until that time, we had no reason to be confused since the Order, when read in conjunction with the regulations, did not establish a special early deadline for the supplemental contention filing. As a result, we had previously concluded that contentions were due on April 21 pursuant to 10 CFR 2.714(b). The contact between NRC Staff Counsel and the Board Chairman served to inform us that the Board apparently had a contrary interpretation, which allowed NECNP to notify the Board of the conflicting views. We trust that this will also allow the Board and the parties to undertake any reordering of the hearing or filing schedule that may be necessary to assure both thorough and efficient consideration of the proposed contentions.

Respectfully submitted,


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I hereby certify that copies the the SUPPLEMENT TO
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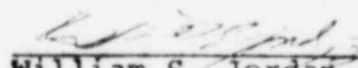
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