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Chairman Palladino
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Ahearne
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Asselstine
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

We are taking the extraordinary liberty of addressing this letter to you in response to the unusual letter of February 23, 1983 from Mr. Cohalan, relating to the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1. Mr. Cohalan's communication (which we view to be outside the normal processes provided for by the Rules of the Commission) justifies the filing of this response with you. We feel that the letter and its attachments should be stricken from the records at the Commission and from Docket No. 50-322(OL).

We do agree on the importance of swift Commission action to remove any uncertainties about the lawful conclusion of the hearings on the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1. However, there is presently pending before the Licensing Board a Motion to Terminate the Licensing Proceeding, and we are in oral argument this very day opposing the pending Motion for Certification of the termination issue to this Commission, in order that the hearings may proceed to conclusion. Accordingly, we feel it inappropriate for the Commission to take any action in this matter until it has the results of the Licensing Board's action on the pending Motions.

Finally, we note that Mr. Cohalan is apparently seeking an ex parte meeting with the Commission. We would object to any such meeting with the members of the Commission outside of the Commission's rules, and in which the Long Island Lighting Company is not represented.

Respectfully yours,

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