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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. George W. Knighton, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 3
Division of Licensing

References: (a) Construction Permits CPPR-135 and CPPR-136,
Docket Nos. 50-443 and 50-444.

(b) USNRC Letter, dated March 10, 1983,
"Issuance of Safety Evaluation Report
(Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2),"
G. W. Knighton to W. C. Tallman.

Subject: Response to Open Item; Shift Technical Advisor

Dear Mr. Knighton:

Section 1.7 of the Seabrook Station Safety Evaluation Report, issued by Reference (b), identifies issues which the NRC staff considers to be outstanding. One issue relates to the NUREG-0737 requirement to have a Shift Technical Advisor on shift. The purpose of this letter is to reiterate the position of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) on this issue.

It is the position of PSNH that either an appropriately qualified Shift Superintendent or Unit Shift Supervisor can best assure that engineering and accident assessment expertise is available to the shift operating crew. We consider the following qualifications necessary to provide this expertise:

- a. Baccalaureate degree or equivalent in engineering or related sciences, and
- b. Licensed as a senior operator on the particular nuclear power unit(s), and
- c. Specific training in the response to and analysis of plant transients and accidents, plant design and layout, capabilities of instrumentation and controls in the control room (i.e. current STA training as delineated in NUREG-0737), and training in the relationship of accident conditions to offsite consequences and protective action strategies.

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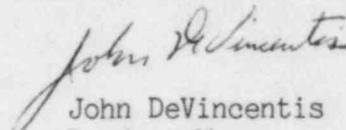
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Total shift manning complement will meet the guidelines discussed in Supplement 1 to NUREG-0737 (December, 1982), "Requirements for Emergency Response Capability" (Generic Letter 82-33) in order to provide sufficient staffing to handle emergency situations.

Based on the above, it is our position that the Shift Technical Advisor position need not be staffed.

Very truly yours,

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