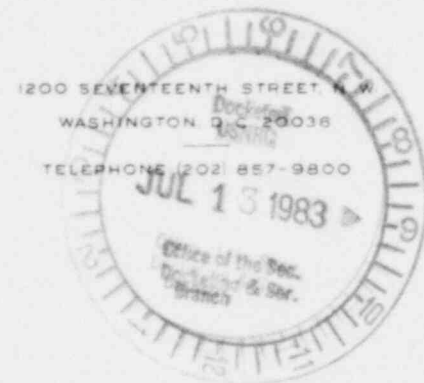


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Re: Washington Public Power Supply System
(WPPSS Nuclear Project No. 3)
Docket No. 50-508

Gentlemen:

Attached for your information is a telecopied facsimile of a letter from the Washington Public Power Supply System, the Applicant in the captioned proceeding, to the NRC advising it of an immediate construction delay of WNP-3 until an assured source of funding for continued construction can be obtained.

We provide this letter to the Board mindful of our responsibilities to apprise the Board of developments bearing on matters within its jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
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Dear Mr. Denton:

Subject: CONSTRUCTION DELAY ON WNP-3

Reference: 603-83-451, GD Bouchey to HR Denton, dated June 3, 1983

The reference letter informed you of implementation of a 30 day construction slowdown on WNP-3 while the Supply System investigated alternative sources of financing.

On July 8, 1983 the Supply System Executive Board adopted a resolution calling for an immediate construction delay of WNP-3 until an assured source of funding for continued construction can be obtained. A detailed implementation plan is currently in development and is expected to be completed around August 1, 1983. The Supply System will attempt to preserve the capability for a reasonably efficient restart during the next 3 to 9 months by retaining the key class 1 contractors.

The Supply System remains committed to preservation of the physical plant and maintenance of the construction permit during the period of construction delay. Additionally, the Supply System will continue to seek to remove the impediments preventing further financing of WNP-3 in order to resume project construction activities.

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