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Chairman Nunzio J. Palladino
Commissioner Victor Gilinsky
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Commissioner James K. Asselstine
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Shoreham Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-322; Suffolk Co.
Motion to Terminate Shoreham
Licensing Proceeding

Dear Sirs:

I am the Supervisor of the Town of Shelter Island on eastern Long Island, which lies east of LILCO's Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant. The Town of Shelter Island is home to more than 2,000 year-round residents, and in the summer our population swells to more than 10,000 people. I am writing this letter in support of Suffolk County's Motion To Terminate the Shoreham Operating License Proceeding (dated February 23, 1983) and its Motion for Certification which seeks a prompt resolution by the Commission on the issues raised by its motion. In view of the overwhelming and controlling significance of the legal questions raised by the County's Motion and the need for a quick resolution of the present Shoreham dispute by the residents and ratepayers of eastern Long Island, I urge you to devote your immediate attention to the County's Motion and to terminate the Shoreham proceeding without further delay.

My support for Suffolk County is based upon a number of factors, in particular, the determination by Suffolk County that the safe evacuation of eastern Long Island (as well as other areas of Suffolk County) is impossible and my belief that the Shoreham Nuclear Plant is not safe enough to operate. I support the exhaustive effort made by Suffolk County officials and experts to determine the feasibility of safely evacuating Suffolk County residents and the subsequent decision of the Suffolk County

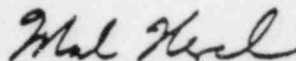
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Legislature, on the basis of that investigation, that safe evacuation is not possible. Accordingly, I share Suffolk County's view that Shoreham cannot be permitted to operate and that this legal issue must be resolved immediately by the Commission itself.

As you can appreciate, the future of Shoreham is of utmost concern to all of Long Island, and the present uncertainty regarding its future and the continued expenditure of tens of millions of dollars to complete a plant which legally cannot be permitted to operate is wasteful and irresponsible. I strongly believe that the public interest would not be served by further months of debate and litigation in the NRC licensing hearings and that the matter requires your direct intervention.

Accordingly, I urge you to devote your immediate attention to resolving the present legal dispute surrounding the Shoreham project by granting Suffolk County's Motion to Terminate the Operating License Proceedings without further delay.

Sincerely,



Mal Nevel
Supervisor

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