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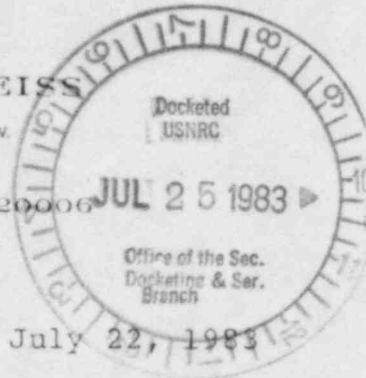
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Dear Chairperson Hoyt and Members of the Board:

We are enclosing NECNP Response to Applicant and Staff Objections to Its Contentions on the New Hampshire State Plan. This response was prepared before we received the Board's Order of July 20, 1983, inviting further pleadings with respect to New Hampshire State Plan Contentions.

Pursuant to the Board's request, we will be pleased to negotiate the wording of the four contentions addressed in the enclosed pleading, which we understand to be the only ones objected to by either the Staff or the Applicant on any grounds. We will report any agreement on these contentions by the Board's deadline.

With respect to the Coalition's remaining contentions, we are somewhat puzzled by the second paragraph of the Board's order, which refers to contentions that would not be objected to by the Applicants or Staff if the contentions were rephrased. This is followed by an admonition that the Board will not rephrase or admit overly-broad contentions.

The Applicant makes no such objection with respect to any of NECNP's contentions not discussed in the enclosed response. As we read their pleading, the Staff also has no such objection with respect to any of our contentions. With respect to Contentions 4, 6, 7, and 8, the Staff has suggested that they be divided into discrete subcontentions, but it has not objected to the admission of the contentions if they are not restated in that manner.

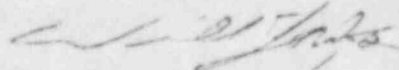
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For these reasons, we assume that the Board's admonition is directed to other intervenors, whose contentions would be objectionable if not subdivided or rephrased. Since the Coalition's contentions do not fall into this category, we understand that they are not the subject of an objection and that under normal practice they will be admitted by the Board. If the Board intends to raise sua sponte objections to the Coalition's contentions where neither the Applicants nor the Staff has objected, we would appreciate your promptly advising us of that fact so that we may consider whether the contentions need to be restated.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure