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Honorable Judge Helen Hoyt  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: PSNH, et al Docket Nos. 50-443OL and 50-444OI

Dear Judge Hoyt:

We wish to have placed on the record in these proceedings our objection to your conduct at the August 31, 1983, hearing session relative to the continued participation by one of our Town's representatives, Mr. Guy Chichester.

We have conferred with individuals who were in attendance at that hearing, and we have reviewed newspaper accounts covering the events of the 31st. At no time, during your unusual call to our office the Monday before, did you advise that you had "dismissed" Mr. Chichester from further participation on behalf of the Town of Rye, nor was any such impression given by you or understood by us. We acknowledge that you suggested that we consider appointing a new representative, but the whole tenor of our conversation centered around your concern to avoid future confrontation. Our letter of response was intended to assure you that we would counsel our representative on courtroom demeanor expected in judicial as well as semi-judicial proceedings.

Had you even inferred that you had in fact "dismissed" Mr. Chichester from further representation and that it was necessary for us to obtain new representation, we most definitely would have advised you of our objection to same in writing. From our conversations with several residents and non-residents of Rye, who were in attendance during the sessions giving rise to this incident, we are hard pressed to find any conduct on the part of Mr. Chichester that would warrant such a severe sanction as dismissal.

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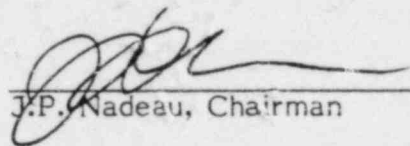
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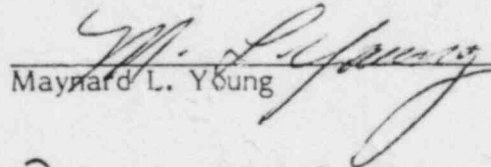
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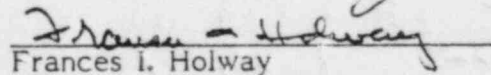
If our understanding of our pronouncements at the August 31 hearing concerning this issue is other than what you intended, then of course, you should disregard this letter. However, if it is your intention not to recognize Mr. Chichester at future hearings, we respectfully request that you place such an order and the reasons therefore in writing to us so we may note our exception and preserve our appellate rights.

Very truly yours,

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