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Washington, D.C. 20555

Attn: Chief, Policy Development and Technical Support Branch, Office  
of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Docket No. 50-443

Dear Commission:

The letter dated July 9, 1991, herein from the Connecticut Power & Light Company and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (collectively "Applicants") is almost entirely repetitive (except for some ad hominem remarks about the City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department ("HG&E")). Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, two clarifications are in order to avoid confusion that Applicants' letter may engender.

First, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") itself has not decided -- much less "rejected ... as groundless" (as Applicants' letter states at page 4) -- HG&E's arguments as to the New Hampshire Corridor; these arguments are pending before the FERC on exceptions to an initial decision rendered late last year by its Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") (to which Applicants elsewhere refer).

Second, HG&E has not requested "redundant proceedings" before this Commission. In fact, HG&E believes it perfectly appropriate for this Commission to take advantage of evidence already accumulated by the FERC; nor does HG&E object to this Commission's considering the FERC's forthcoming evaluation of the evidence before it in reaching this Commission's independent conclusions. HG&E merely asserts that this Commission has an independent statutory responsibility under the Atomic Energy Act which HG&E is confident will be exercised as efficiently and fairly as possible.

Finally, NU's observation (at page 11) as to HG&E's interest or lack of interest "in taking advantage of NU's comprehensive offering" improperly

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addresses the subject of confidential settlement negotiations as to which  
HG&E has been awaiting NU response for quite some time.

Respectfully submitted,



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