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In the Matter of
Long Island Lighting Company
Shoreham Nuclear Power Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-322 (OL)

Dear Judges:

Mr. Reveley has advised me that you have asked for a statement from the Company regarding a newspaper article in which it was stated that the Chairman of Long Island Lighting Company had indicated that abandonment of the Shoreham project was an option which the Company was studying. Dr. Catacosinos' statement must be taken in the context in which it was rendered. The position of the Company, fully supported by our Chairman, continues to be that completion and operation of the Shoreham plant is in the best interests of the consumers of the Long Island Lighting Company. Accordingly, the Company proposes to pursue every available opportunity to achieve this goal. Nevertheless, there are potential events beyond the Company's control that could necessitate a change in this position at sometime in the future. Dr. Catacosinos' statement was in recognition of such possibilities and was intended to indicate that the Company must remain alert to them. In the meantime, we respectfully urge this Board to maintain its

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positive approach to an early resolution of these proceedings and we reassure the Board of our continued cooperation. The uncertainties that have resulted from the lack of resolution of the issues in this proceeding are major factors that heavily influence any analysis with respect to the viability of this project.

Very truly yours,



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All Parties