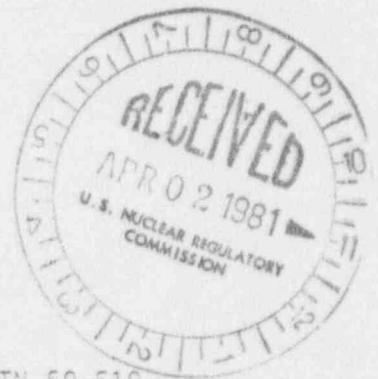


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD



In the Matter of
GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY
(Blue Hills Station, Units 1 and 2)

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Docket Nos. STN 50-510
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NRC STAFF RENEWAL OF ITS MOTION FOR
ISSUANCE OF PARTIAL INITIAL DECISION

The NRC Staff respectfully moves the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to issue its partial initial decision concerning the issues of site suitability pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.101(a-1) on which hearing was held May 9, 1979.

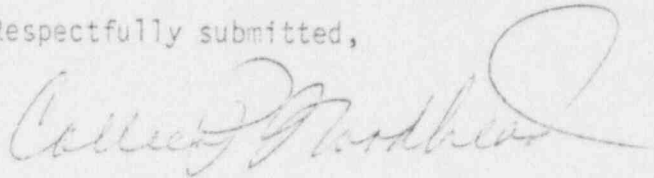
All proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and responses to proposed findings were filed by the Staff and Applicant by July 20, 1979 in this uncontested proceeding. In the interest of an orderly resolution of this proceeding, the Staff filed on September 5, 1980, a motion requesting issuance of a partial initial decision.

On September 9, 1980, 436 days after all proposed findings of fact were filed, the Board issued an Order Requesting Briefs and Additional Information regarding new Commission policies and regulations and their applicability to the Blue Hills site as well as information concerning a Texas Water Plan and a request that Staff reply to Applicant's reply to Staff's proposed findings. The Staff filed on October 15, 1980, a response to all matters of inquiry in the Board's September 9, 1980 Order. On January 23, 1981, the Applicant filed a response to the Board's inquiries.

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In view of the approximately 20 months that have passed since submittal of all findings, it is appropriate that the Board now issue its decision in this proceeding. Therefore, the Staff again requests that the Board issue its Partial Initial Decision Concerning Site Suitability of the Blue Hills Site.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Colleen P. Woodhead".

Colleen P. Woodhead
Counsel for NRC Staff

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 1st day of April, 1981

