

December 12, 1996

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Mr. Bruce D. Kenyon
President - Nuclear Group
Northeast Utilities Service Group
c/o Mr. Terry L. Harpster
Director - Nuclear Licensing Services
P.O. Box 388
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Mr. Kenyon:

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The Order provides that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, may, in writing, relax or rescind the Order upon demonstration by the licensee of good cause. I find your request reasonable, and therefore grant an extension of 30 days for submittal of a proposed, third-party organization. This action does not provide any relaxation from any of the other provisions of the Order.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Frank J. Miraglia, Jr., Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Frank J. Miraglia, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

Frank J. Miraglia, Jr., Acting Director
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