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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Lawrence Brenner, Chairman
Dr. A. Dixon Callihan
Dr. Richard F. Cole

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In the Matter of

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY

(Braidwood Nuclear Power Station,
Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-456
50-457

July 31, 1985

ORDER DIRECTING NEGOTIATIONS ON OBJECTIONS
TO ROREM'S QA INTERROGATORIES

The Applicant has timely served, by the required received date (Tr. 197, 205-06) of July 30, 1985, its objections to Rorem's July 2, 1985 "First Set" of Quality Assurance interrogatories. The NRC Staff, missing the received deadline by one day, has placed its own objections to some of Rorem's interrogatories in the express mail on July 30, 1985.

Applicant's pleading properly states (at 2), that it will attempt to negotiate its objections with Intervenor Rorem et al. The Board directs the Applicant, NRC Staff and Rorem to hold such negotiations, and agree on a date by which a report of agreement shall be received by the Board, along with, if still necessary, Rorem's answer (motion to compel discovery) to those objections still in dispute. Unless the

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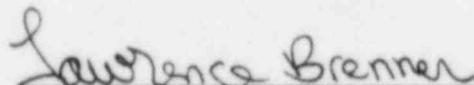
parties otherwise agree, and advise the Board, that date shall be August 9, 1985. Discovery negotiations shall be governed by pragmatism on the part of all parties, rather than by technical legal rights and posturing.

The NRC Staff's concluding paragraph ("Motion for a Protective Order") does not correlate fully with its preceding objections. No Staff objections were made to Rorem's interrogatories 52, 53 or 55, yet those three are listed in the Staff's concluding paragraph. Conversely, the Staff did object to interrogatories 30 and 40, but did not include those two in its concluding paragraph.

This order was read to the affected parties on July 31, 1985.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD


Lawrence Brenner, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Bethesda, Maryland
July 31, 1985