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In the Matter of Puget Sound Power & Light Company, et al.
(Skagit Nuclear Power Project, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-522 and 50-523

Dear Sirs:

This letter responds to the Chairman's letter of August 23, 1978 to the parties regarding radon-222 and the environmental consequences of the uranium fuel cycle.

Applicants do not desire any opportunity to supplement, contradict, or object to anything in the portion of the Perkins record distributed by Mr. Black with his letter of August 15, 1978 to the Board. Applicants are agreeable to the suggestion that the Perkins record be incorporated into the record in the Skagit proceeding, presumably as an exhibit.

Although the generic findings and conclusions of the Perkins Licensing Board respecting the amount of radon emissions in the mining and milling process and the resultant health effects may, in some regards, be a conservative evaluation of the Perkins record, Applicants consider such findings and conclusions to be supported by that record.

In Applicant's view the impact of radon releases associated with the mining and milling of nuclear fuel for the Skagit Project is insignificant. Hence, it is not possible that the resultant health effects of radon emissions could tip the cost - benefit

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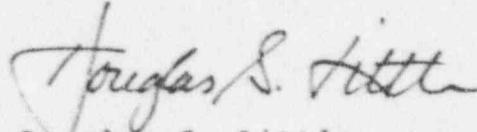
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balance against construction of the Skagit Project. The final cost benefit balance, of course, has yet to be struck; however, the radon-222 health effects are factually immaterial to that balance.

Very truly yours,

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