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James R. Yore, Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Pebble Springs Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-514 and 50-515

Dear Chairman Yore:

This letter is in response to your request of September 22 that I inform the Board and the parties concerning the status of the State Pebble Springs proceeding.

The hearings should be concluded by the end of November under our current schedule. (See attached letter from Marcus Wood to Administrative Law Judge Bergen, dated September 18, 1978.)

Regarding the decision, enclosed is a copy of a September 14, 1978 letter from James C. Rhodes to Oregon Governor Robert Straub, which I think is a realistic view of the outcome.

Sincerely,

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RMS/sg  
Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record (w/encls.)

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The Honorable Lowell W. Bergen  
Administrative Law Judge  
Room 429, Labor & Industries Building  
c/o PUC Mail Room  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Re: Pebble Springs Site Certification Application

Dear Judge Bergen:

Because of the delay in the commencement of the hearings on the economic issues in the Pebble Springs proceeding, I would propose an amended tentative schedule for trial of the economic issues. I have attempted in the schedule to avoid any party's announced conflicts.

The demand for energy issues would be scheduled for the first five weeks as follows:

September 27-28: Northwest Energy Policy Project's testimony; U. S. Labor Party--testimony of Edward W. Reed.

October 2-3: Pacific Power & Light Company's direct testimony.

October 4-5: Portland General Electric Company's direct testimony.

October 9-10: Puget Sound Power & Light Company's direct testimony.

October 11: National Economic Research Associates' direct testimony.

October 12: Pacific Northwest Generating Company's direct testimony.

October 16-17: Department of Energy's direct testimony.