



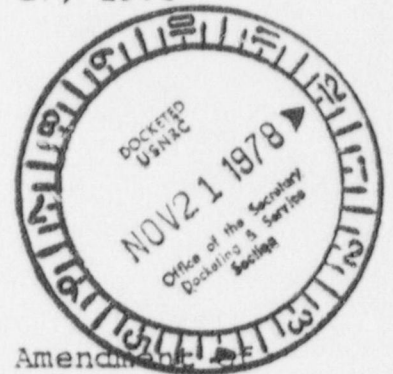
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Dr. Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman
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Mr. Peter A. Bradford, Commissioner
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555



Re: In Matter of Amendment of
10 CFR Part 51
Oral Presentations
Docket No. RM-50-3

Gentlemen:

In the course of this reopened rulemaking, the State of New York has focused on the issue of the economic feasibility of the waste management portions of the uranium fuel cycle. Economic feasibility is, the State submits, one of the most important issues the Commission must address.

The State has attempted to state completely and support thoroughly its position in the attached Closing Statement. The Statement, of course, is fully referenced to the record. With the submission of this Statement the State does not see a need for an oral presentation before the Commission. If, however, the Commission finds it has questions regarding the State's position in this rulemaking, the State will gladly send counsel or witnesses to Washington to respond to such questions. Unfortunately, this office has temporarily suffered a 40% reduction in staff. Scheduling and manpower problems are acute. Therefore, if the Commission does discover that it has questions for the State, it is respectfully

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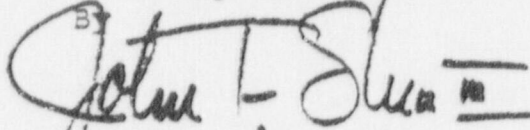
requested that the undersigned be given at least three weeks notice, specifying the Commission's needs. Naturally, the State will respond in writing to any inquiries the Commission may have, if that alternative is found to be preferable to the Commission.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. Shea, III", with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

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