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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
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Washington Public Power	)	Docket No. 50-460-OL
Supply System	)	
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(Nuclear Project No. 1)	)	

# NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM'S REQUEST TO DEFER LICENSING BOARD RULING

On February 29, 2000, Washington Public Power Supply System (Supply System) filed a Request to Defer Licensing Board Ruling, in which it asked the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Licensing Board) to defer ruling on its Motion for Withdrawal of Application (Motion), filed January 4, 2000, until after the Supply System had clarified its intentions in a status report that it would file in July, 2000. On March 7, 2000, the Licensing Board issued a scheduling order, indicating that responses to the Supply System's request should be filed no later than March 22, 2000.

The NRC staff (Staff) has no objection to the Licensing Board's granting the Supply System's request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 21st day of March, 2000

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I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM REQUEST TO DEFER LICENSING BOARD RULING" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system with copies by electronic mail where indicated, or by deposit in the United States mail, first class, as indicated by an asterisk, with copies by electronic mail where indicated, this 21st day of March, 2000.

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