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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, D.C. 20555

LILCO's Request for a Limited-Grope Exemption from the Fitness-for-Duty Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26 and Request for Interim Relief Pending Disposition of Exemption Shoreham Nuclear Power Station - Unit 1

Docket No. 50-322

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is LILCO's request for a limited-scope exemption from the fitness-for-duty requirements of 10 CFR Part 26 for the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station. Under the requested exemption, the scope of the Shoreham Fitness-for-Duty (FFD) Program would be limited to only those persons who have unescorted access to any area that contains equipment necessary to support and maintain the continued safe storage or handling of spent fuel: i.e., "vital areas" as defined in the Shoreham Physical Security Plan.

LILCO also respectfully requests that it promptly be granted interim relief from the fitness-for-duty requirements, so that it may limit the scope of the Shoreham FFD Program as described above pending disposition of the exemption request. As LILCO points out in its exemption request, with Shoreham in its present defuels condition the restriction of the FFD Program to those persons who have unescorted access to "vital areas" will not compromise the objectives of the FFD Program nor will it endanger life or property. Such a restriction will, however, allow LILCO to reduce by over 300 the number of chemical abuse tests that would otherwise be required by 10 CFR 26.24.

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Should you have any questions or need additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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