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Hon. Richard J. Hughes  
Governor, State of New Jersey  
State House  
Trenton, New Jersey

Re: Activities of the Department of Public Utilities  
for April, 1966

Dear Governor Hughes:

I am submitting the following information regarding the major activities of this Department for the month of April, 1966.

1. The Board has instituted hearings with regard to a tariff filing by New Jersey Power and Light Company which would require its utility customers to bear the costs of the establishment of service in the area which has been designated for future inclusion in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Numerous conferences have also been held in order that a fair and equitable means of apportioning the costs of electric transmission facilities for residents in this area may be worked out.

2. An Interim Order was issued reopening hearings on Hackensack Water Company's application for a determination that the proposed location of a pump station and associated facilities in the Borough of Paramus are reasonably necessary for the service, convenience and welfare of the public. The erection of this station is precluded by the zoning ordinance of Paramus. While recognizing the critical nature of the current water shortage and the company's need for the water, the Board determined that insufficient proofs had been presented to establish that Hackensack Water Company is entitled to an exemption from the local zoning regulations. Further hearings will continue into May.

3. Pursuant to the terms of its preliminary approval of November, 1965, the Board approved certain stipulations between Jersey Central Power and Light Company and the State Departments of Health and Conservation and Economic Development regarding the

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construction by the company of a nuclear fueled reactor for the production of electrical energy at Oyster Creek in Lacey Township, Ocean County. The Board reiterated its prior finding that no substantial radiation hazard is connected with the operation of this facility.

It was also determined that any potential non-radiation hazards associated with the plant's operation are not of sufficient magnitude to warrant holding up the project. The Board did express concern over the possibility of saline water intrusion into local potable water supplies and thermal pollution of Barnegat Bay in the area of the plant. Accordingly, the state departments and the company were ordered to conduct further studies into these problems.

4. After conferences between this Department and the Department of Education, the Board issued a directive to the operators of all school buses under its jurisdiction to the effect that after May 23, 1966, buses used for school purposes and not equipped with convex mirrors as required by Ch. 119, sec. 4, Laws of 1965 will not receive a certificate of approval.

Very truly yours,

William F. Hyland,  
President

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