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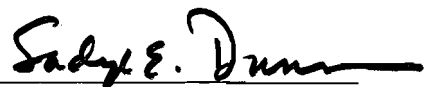
In the Matter of: Reliance Electric Company/Federal Pacific Electric
Company, Circuit Breakers (Restricted OS #5966)

Commissioners Present and Voting: Vice Chairman Edith B. Sloan
Commissioner R. David Pittle
Commissioner Stuart M. Statler
Commissioner Sam Zagoria

Decisions: Meeting in closed session on September 22, 1982, the Commission and staff discussed the status of the Section 15, CPSCA, investigation of alleged hazards associated with residential circuit breakers manufactured by Federal Pacific Electric Company (FPE), subsidiary of Reliance Electrical Company (Reliance) whose parent company is Exxon Corporation. Two issues were presented: (1) whether to continue the investigation, issue a complaint or close the file and (2) whether to meet with representatives of Reliance/FPE and Exxon. The Commission had received the request for a meeting in a confidential memorandum from Reliance/FPE on July 30, 1982, which discussed the firms' positions concerning the alleged hazards and the Commission's jurisdiction over the circuit breakers. Staff had provided comments on the memorandum in briefing packages from Compliance dated August 27, 1982, and from the Office of the General Counsel on September 8, 1982. Previously, in a briefing package submitted on July 8, 1982, Compliance staff had presented its analysis of the Section 15 case and recommended that the investigation be closed.

Following discussion, the Commission voted 4-0 (Chairman Steorts not present or voting) not to meet with representatives of Reliance/FPE and Exxon. The Commission decided that it would vote subsequently by ballot on the options relating to the status of the Section 15 investigation and provided guidance to the staff in this regard.

For the Commission:


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Secretary