ALBANY, NEW YORK -- December 17, 1975 -- General Electric has rested its case at the State Department Environmental Conservation (DEC) hearing on PCB. At the same time, the Company announced it has requested that data on PCB's in Hudson River fish samplings taken above and below the Company's Hudson Falls and Ft. Edward capacitor plants, accumulated and presented by an independent laboratory on its behalf, not be considered in the official record. The Company decided to make this request because of some inconsistencies in the latest data which could not be resolved within the time constraints of the hearing schedule. GE believes that its other evidence already presented, coupled with the DEC fish findings, has proven the Company's case.

The hearing was adjourned last week to allow the independent laboratory which had prepared the PCB data at General Electric's request, to complete testing and analysis of additional fish samples and to verify data previously presented.

"The results of the latest testing were compatible with the PBC levels presented in the DEC's evidence during the hearing," a General Electric Company spokesman said. "These results showed that the ratio of PCB concentration in the whole fish to the edible portion were similar to those established by DEC.

"Despite the fact that the independent laboratory data are favorable to our case, General Electric does not wish to present any findings to which it cannot totally attest," the

Public position - GE

1. Q Japs w/o PCB> - only can't use
A - Aroclors not used in Jap - were process of conversion to PCB's when banned
- Used Siemens design - poly prop. film & metalized paper
+ can accept mineral oil w/ size penalty
more costly
- redesigned units - accepted flammability; require fire prevention installation in some cases

2. US - fashed
1. Have evaluated fluids w/ repro elec. properties; Aroclors
2. more acceptable in environment (not proven)
3. Rate of introduction
a) availability
b) flammability handled by application
4. Time frame
orderly transition 18 mos - 2 yrs
RP - long transition would not change eventual econ
would help us develop our numbers

No PANIC Situation

1. Take time to work thru GE prod process w/ pilot plt output
take till Feb when we have numbers
2. GE committed publicly & to customers after Feb report

Panic Situation

1. If NY shuts down to zero discharge must be out by Sep 30

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Company spokesman said. "The Company is willing to accept the DEC's fish data."

Based on both the DEC's data and GE's evaluation of the independent laboratory information, the present discharge of PCB's into the Hudson River from both of the Company's plants, results in PCB concentrations within the edible portion of fish below the Federal Drug Administration standard of 5 parts per million. The level of discharge committed to by General Electric of less than 3.5 ounces per day by the end of 1976 will result in levels of approximately 0.2 parts per million.

General Electric, in resting its case, stated the data submitted by the State, as well as its own evidence, was sufficient to prove no violation of any State or Federal regulation.

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L.H.

1. Industry settle on 1 fl.
2. " fragment
   - Dow, mineral oil
   - alt. designs, metalize construction
3. GE worked out matrix of industry
   w/ prices of alts
   based on cost data from Berger
4. GE picked 1238
   but w/ new price may
   bias in favor of new design
5. 2 basic alts per L.H.
   a. mkt not big enough for no of supplies
   meant to 1 fluid for industry - 1 supplier
   b. 1238 would gain industry vol
   PCB - use go down - price go up
   c. GE make this happen - get price break
   d. " now has royalty income from
   current design w/ PCB
   e. ∴ extend develop. cost for example
) converted facility here
   to test volume

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