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The Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint Building 11155 Rockville Pike
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Dear Chairman Meserve:

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Atomic Safety and Licensing Board pre-hearing conference in New London, CT on Monday December 13, 1999 will determine the standing of two important citizen groups opposed to an application by Northeast Utilities to double its spent fuel capacity at Millstone 3 station. I oppose such expansion plans and, as you know, several years ago asked the NRC to close down the reactors after a checkered history and the absence of an evacuation plan for the people of Long Island.

I write to urge approval of the Long Island Coalition Against Millstone and the Connecticut Coalition Against Millstone petitions for legal standing in all matters related to the Millstone Plants.

As you know, I have long been in opposition to continued operation of the reactors at Millstone. The continued operation-- much less the expansion-- of the Millstone facility should be opposed for a variety of reasons. First, Millstone has incurred the largest single fine in the history of the United States nuclear power industry signifying a pattern of serious operational problems and a weak safety record. Second, in the event of a catastrophe, there is not an emergency management and evacuation plan for Suffolk County (NY) residents. Third, Millstone is clearly in close proximity to Long Island and any event involving the reactors there could likely affect this region.

Due to its proximity, weak safety record and lack of an evacuation plan the people of Long Island have a concrete and cognizable interest in the outcome of any proceedings involving the operation and/or expansion of Millstone and must be formally recognized for inclusion in all NRC proceedings regarding this facility.

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Almost two years ago, I was the first public official to initiate greater involvement by Long Islanders in the Millstone issue. You were most kind to grant my request that the NRC hold forums on Long Island on two occasions to listen to our concerns.

I respectfully urge approval of the Long Island and Connecticut Coalitions' petition for legal standing to give voice to the concerns of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Forbes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael P. Forbes
Member of Congress

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

(Millstone Nuclear Power Station,
Unit No. 3)

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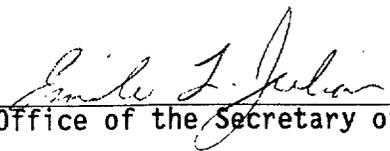
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