

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, nuclear power has become a significant source for the nation's production of electricity, of which Michigan is among the majority of states that derive energy from nuclear power generating plants; and

WHEREAS, since the earliest days of nuclear power, the great dilemma associated with this technology is how to deal with this high level radioactive waste material that is produced, as it demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage and disposal, including the transportation of this material; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, which requires the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Energy, to build a facility for the permanent storage of high level nuclear waste; and

WHEREAS, this Act, which was amended in 1987, includes a specific timetable to identify a suitable location and establish the waste facility as the costs for this undertaking are to be paid from a fee that is assessed on all nuclear energy produced; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the federal act, Michigan electric customers have paid \$405.8 million into this federal

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fund for construction of the federal waste facility and there are serious concerns that the federal government is not complying with the timetables set forth in federal law and the U.S. Department of Energy, working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must not fail to meet its obligation as provided by law.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners pass this resolution to urge Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress to support the efforts of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste by opening Yucca Mountain, Nevada; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call upon Michigan's elected officials to support the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their effort to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada for high-level nuclear waste; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress.

Moved by Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Wesbey, that the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted

as read. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 8 votes.

Nays - 0 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF ALLEGAN)

I, Joyce A. Watts, Clerk of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Allegan, do hereby Certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on August 26, 2000.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court in Allegan, Michigan, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.



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Joyce A. Watts, Clerk-Register

cc: Admin. - Finance - Mark Savage, Nuclear Management Company, LLC, 27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway, Covert, MI, 49043 - U.S. Department of Energy - U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Michigan's U.S. Senators and Members of Congress - All Cities, Villages and Townships in Allegan County