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Mr. Bruce Baughman, Director
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Dear Mr. ~~Baughman~~, *Mr. Zimmerman*

On January 18th, a major power outage occurred in Limestone County. There were 14,000 customers and seven schools without power for about 1 hour. The majority of these customers were on the west side of the county, which is within the 10 mile Emergency Planning Zone for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

As you are aware, the Tennessee Valley Authority does not have back-up power on their outdoor warning sirens. Should a radiological accident have occurred at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, there would have been no way of warning the residents or schools of the danger. Evacuation orders and other Public Health Orders could not have been transmitted via television or radio. Telephone systems were not working at the schools during the outage, so that method could not be used either.

I know that you are in agreement with me on this matter, and I feel that we should do everything in our power to encourage TVA to rectify this problem. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at 256/232-2631.

Sincerely,

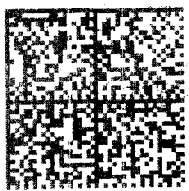
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