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Office of the Secretary
Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sir:

I was not able to attend your hearing (or public meeting) on November 8, 2006 at Clinton, Illinois. Please add this letter to the statements at the hearings of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

To introduce myself, I have a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Illinois, Urbana. I have used radioisotopes in my research and hence know their properties, usefulness in medical research, their advantages and disadvantages; hence I have read and know the potential harm of radiation leaks and major releases (Chernobyl or Three Mile Island). I have taught medical students for 40 years and am now retired.

Another key point for writing you is that the regional headquarters for my church is near Bloomington, Illinois. Hence I drive to Illinois 6-7 times a year for its sessions and committee meetings.

I am also a longtime member of the American Chemical Society and the Union of Concerned Scientists. Information from these sources has over and over called attention to the risks and hazards of nuclear power. Though many safety features are in place, the nuclear power industry, NRC and scientific societies at large have NOT solved the problem of safe storage of the accumulating mountains of radioactive nuclear waste - above ground or underground. Though other radiation problems may have potential solutions, this radioactive waste problem (plutonium) has yet-to-be solved. Temporary or local storage of radioactive wastes has considerable hazardous features. Hence I am opposed to releasing a NRC license for addition to the Clinton, Illinois reactor.

I do not know whether a representative of the Union of Concerned Scientists spoke at the November 8th hearing. If not, I suggest strongly that you invite a letter from UCS; they have expert scientist in this field.

Please add the above comments to those presented at the November 8th hearing.

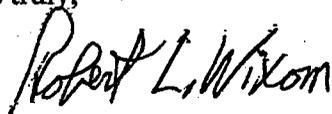
Please advise me on your NRC decision re: the expansion of the Clinton nuclear reactor.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Wixom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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