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Mr. Peter Tam  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

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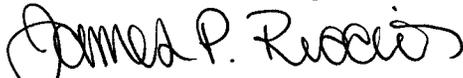
Dear Mr. Tam:

I would like to be placed on the service list for the Watts Bar nuclear power plant. As you know from our previous conversations, Public Citizen has had an on going interest in the Tennessee Valley Authority's attempts to license the Watts Bar reactor. We have been encouraged by Public Citizen members in Tennessee, local environmentalists and TVA whistleblowers to take a closer look at the licensing process.

The NRC has long acknowledged the benefits of public participation in the licensing of nuclear reactors. As noted by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board during the licensing of the River Bend reactors, "(p)ublic participation in licensing proceedings not only can provide valuable assistance to the adjudicatory process, but on frequent occasions demonstrably has done so." (Gulf States Utility Co. (River Bend Units 1 and 2), ALAB-183, RAI-74-3, March 12, 1974, Sl. Op., pp. 10 - 12).

The first step in any meaningful public participation is access to information on a timely basis. Placing Public Citizen on the service list for the Watts Bar reactor will expedite the public's access to information and enhance the public's understanding of the licensing process. I have included my address for your convenience, if you have any questions please feel free to call me at 404-451-7372.

Sincerely,



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