

September 24, 1995

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, chair
The Select Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Dr. Jackson:

My belief has always been that the TVA was created to improve the quality of life in the Tennessee Valley. However, as a consumer of TVA electricity I believe that starting Watts Bar Unit 1 will be a detriment to life here in this area, especially, a danger to our health and safety. I urge you not to approve the loading of fuel in this unsafe unit. The statement below expresses many of my concerns.

WATTS BAR HAS COST ENOUGH - STOP WATTS BAR!

Because the Tennessee Valley Authority, TVA, has spent over \$8 billion constructing Watts Bar Unit 1, making it one of the most expensive power plants in history,

Because Watts Bar Unit 1 is still in need of costly repairs--over \$1 million a day is being spent at Watts Bar--before it can be granted an operating license as a nuclear power plant,

Because loading fuel into Watts Bar Unit 1 will make the plant radioactive immediately, adding at least \$500,000 million onto its pricetag to rate payers,

Because the US General Accounting Office, a non-partisan research agency employed by Congress, has published a report showing that although 69% of TVA's staggering \$27 billion debt is due to the costs of the nuclear program, only 14% of the region's power comes from those nuclear power plants,

Because there are proposals in front of the TVA Board of Directors for other energy sources to meet the region's energy needs like windpower and conservation and efficiency that would employ 2-10 times more people than Watts Bar at a fraction of the cost, and,

Because there are still thousands of outstanding safety violations alleged against Watts Bar Unit 1 by current and former plant workers, I, the undersigned and a resident of Tennessee Valley, do hereby demand that TVA halt any further investment of ratepayers money on Watts Bar, and TVA should absolutely not load nuclear fuel into Watts Bar until Congress holds hearings on TVA's debt and the fate of Watts Bar is openly and completely discussed and resolved by all parties concerned.

Thank you for considering these issues as you make your decision.

Sincerely yours,

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