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August 29, 2008

Rebecca Schmidt
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Dear Director:

Enclosed, please find a copy of correspondence I received
from Gordon R. Woodcock.

Please review the enclosed and address the concerns raised.
I have notified my constituent to expect a timely reply directly
from you.

Sincerely,



Richard Shelby

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September 5, 2008

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Woodcock
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding
nuclear reactors at Bellefonte, Alabama.

I have contacted the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on your
behalf and have asked them to respond to your concerns. You
should expect a reply to your concerns directly from the agency
in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact me about
this or other matters in the future.

Sincerely,

Richard Shelby

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Dear Senator Shelby

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my concerns about the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) building of 2 AP-1000 nuclear reactors at Bellefonte, Alabama at a cost of \$12-18 billion. How will the TVA pay for the 2 nuclear reactors? The TVA has exceeded their debt and debt repayment limit of \$30 billion dollars. (TVA Act, Sec 15d (a)) TVA is not forthcoming in their answer to this question. They refuse to answer and attempt to erroneously hide the financial data related to the construction project from the public.

TVA has refused to answer cost questions in their application for a license before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). (Reference Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 3 & 4 COL Application, Part 1, Administrative and Financial Information.) The NRC requires Nuclear License Applicants to demonstrate how they will pay for a nuclear project. The TVA is a governmental agency as described in the TVA Act. As an agency of the Federal Government they must show due diligence in accounting and disclosure of their financial plans for nuclear expansion. The TVA claims that the financial costs and disclosures are exempt from release as they are "Proprietary Information," this is wrong. In the same Application document, Part 1, Administration and Financial Information, section 1.6, it states that there is "no restricted information," however the TVA restricts disclosure of financing of the project. TVA is a government agency bound by the Sunshine Laws of the United States. They are not being open nor practicing the requirements of due diligence in their failure to release building costs and how they will finance these costs in light of their debt and debt cap restrictions.

I am very concerned about our National Debt and the massive, growing TVA debt. Is TVA near insolvency due to their debt? An insolvent TVA in the Southeast would be devastating to the area. At the end of the 1st Quarter of 2008, according to TVA's Quarterly Form 10Q, December 31, 2007, the TVA displayed a total indebtedness of \$22.685 billion with bond interest repayments of \$20.724 billion. The total of these 2 amounts is \$43.409. This exceeds TVA's debt and bond repayment cap by an excess of \$13 billion. TVA's 2nd Quarter Financial Statement, Form 10Q, March 31, 2008 reflects a \$44.9 billion debt and debt bond repayment, \$14.9 billion dollars over the debt cap. Are TVA officials ignoring the debt cap, are NRC Officials ignoring the debt cap and costs of the plant construction? Why is the TVA not disclosing the financial costs of the nuclear construction? Why is the TVA moving into what appears to be insolvency?

I would like answers to these questions. I would like for the TVA to disclose their financial costs in their nuclear license application of building the Bellefonte Nuclear Reactors as they are required to do by law and not use the bogus excuse of "proprietary information." Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated and I look forward to your reply.

Regards,

Linda W. Woodcock