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## General Comment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I am writing in regard to "Detroit Edison Company Fermi Nuclear Power Plant. Unit 3 Combined License Application Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process" (Docket ID NRC-2008-0566)

My name is Gary Davis. I am currently a resident of Monroe, Michigan. As a concerned citizen I am worried about the building of Fermi 3 nuclear power plant and would like to address some of my concerns to your office. I am troubled by the high costs of building and operating such a plant and am wondering if other alternative means to aquire energy have been explored.

According to Amory Loving and Imran Shaikh of the Rocky Mountain Institute the cost to produce the same amount of energy produced by a wind farm, at 7 cents per kilowatt hour, is half of that to produce the same amount of energy that a nuclear power plant would, at 14 cents per kilowatt hour ("The Nuclear Illusion").

The cost of building these plants is also of some concern to me. With \$18.5 billion dollars in loans approved by the federal government, I was troubled to learn that out of roughly half of the 253 plants originally ordered, about 132 plants, 21 percent were permanently closed due to cost problems and another 27 percent have completely failed for a year or more at least once. These numbers are very alarming.

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What I am asking from your office is to know whether there are any plans to explore other alternative, renewable ways to acquiring energy in the area. With Monroe being located right along the Lake Erie cost line I was wondering if there has been any attempts to start up a wind farm. The maintenance of such a facility as well as retrofitting buildings that are leaking energy offer the opportunity for job growth and ongoing employment.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Gary Davis