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General Comment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am writing in regard to Docket ID NRC-2008-0566; the construction of Fermi III in Monroe, MI.

Much debate has been given to whether or not nuclear energy is a "clean" energy source. However, not much is ever discussed about the monetary value attached to the nuclear industry. In "The Nuclear Illusion", Amory Lovins and Imran Sheikh priced nuclear electricity at 14 cents per kilowatt hour compared to wind power at 7 cents per hour. In addition to the 14 cents per kilowatt hour, there is the added expense of disposing of radioactive waste, for insuring plants against an accident and decommissioning plants when they wear out.

In this time in our history, when we should be looking for positive ways to effect climate change, as well as helping the world economy wouldn't renewable energy sources be the answer? We should be investing in the energy sources that have much lower lead time than nuclear power. The renewable energy sources of wind, solar and gas also provide ongoing jobs for solar-panel installation, retrofitting building that are leaking energy, wastewater reclamation, materials reuse, recycling and technology advances. All of the mentioned are not a part of the nuclear energy solution.

I ask that you consider dropping the plans for the Fermi III nuclear power plant in Monroe, MI. I believe our country needs to be investing in renewable resources. I ask that this commission review alternative energy resources and look forward to your response.

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