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Re: *US Nuclear Regulatory Commission*

Dear Mr. Zalcman:

I want to thank you for the attention and time you provided me at the two meetings on the two proposed reactors at Summer Nuclear site in Jenkinsville, S.C.

I am comforted by the fact that Congress has provided the NRC to provide an independent analysis of these proposed facilities, however, I am disappointed that the NRC does not appreciate the need to provide a procedure that would allow the vast majority of the people on the western side of Fairfield County (being those closest to the proposed site) to understand this right to participate and to understand the significance of what is, or may be, involved by the construction of these facilities.

It is distressing that the political and economic leadership in the area chose to endorse the construction of the reactors prior to the final approval by NRC of the plant design, not to mention NRC's completion of its environmental review.

Their failure to appreciate the need for independent analysis is confusing to their constituents who are misled by this expression of *fait accompli*. But, after all wasn't that the objective?

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The recent experience we all have had with unregulated and unsupervised big business should prompt us to "ask for a second opinion". Clearly there are conflicts between the interests of SCE&G and Santee Cooper and those of the residents of the Jenkinsville area.

In any event, it was obviously a well orchestrated group of presentations by SCE&G which, however, only amplified the point made by some that the residents of the western side who should have been involved had been left out.

It was obvious as the presentations ran on that the poor and under-educated residents of this area could not benefit from your procedure. They need to know what the issues are, why they are issues and what are the pros and cons. Then they would understand and could give some input.

It is not fair to construct these plants and to store this waste which will be a part of their lives, their children's lives and so on for decades and not take the time and make the effort to help these people understand the issues.

As was the case twenty-five years ago, the plant is built and these people, their children and grandchildren become a part of the background.

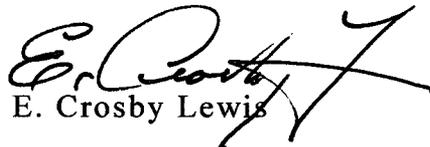
I hesitate to digress but can you tell me whether the S.C. Public Service Authority, in the expense of operation of the plants, receives greater net revenue from operation of the plants than SCE&G? It does not pay County taxes but is the expense of County taxes paid by SCE&G somehow allocated in the expense of the plant to both parties?

County taxes are one way the local community can offset the additional risks imposed by the location of the plants, but is there no other way that the SC Pubic Service Authority could be encouraged to carry some of the local burden, in nuclear safety risks, costs incurred by local city and county governments and economic deprivation?

The local communities in Fairfield County are in great need of a potable water plant and a sewer plant and lines. Only with this infrastructure can the nearby communities grow and prosper. The smart residents leave because there is no opportunity in the area. The existing Plant, as you can see, has not helped with economic development in the area and few people want to live near a nuclear plant.

I hope you will reconsider your procedure and if you obtain the information on whether the PSA and SCE&G share the expense of local taxes, I would appreciate learning of it.

Sincerely,



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