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Mr. Charles B. Eble, President  
Consolidated Edison Company  
Four Irving Place  
New York, New York 10003

DOCKET NO. 51-247

Dear Mr. Eble:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours of October 7th as well as that of October 19th, 1963 together with the enclosure in the latter letter.

In order to continue our full and frank discussion I think I should advise you that after carefully considering all that you have said and written to me, I am still firmly committed to the Ottinger Bill which I and many of my colleagues have co-sponsored.

This would seem to be directly in opposition to your plans. Our position in support of this legislation is the same as the position of the plaintiffs who have brought an action to enjoin your construction and operation of overhead power lines. As of this time, I see no reason to withdraw from my opposition to overhead transmission lines.

If the fact is that your present lines are sufficient for your purposes, I assume you would not seek to construct additional lines and subject yourself to the lawsuit to enjoin the erection of those additional transmitting towers and larger power lines.

I was impressed with your answer about the destruction of fish life but have now been informed that while the screening does prevent the drawing of fish into the warmer

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water, the operation of the system still does not prevent it from killing algae and fish eggs.

Much of what you say reinforces my original opinion that this plant should be built in New York City. Certainly if a nuclear plant is as safe as you say it is, there should be no objection to building it in New York City and providing employment for our people. The economics of the situation would then seem to dictate that it must be built in the City of New York. On the other hand, if it is not safe, it should not be built in either place.

I have in mind the necessity of furnishing electricity not only to New York City but to the entire Metropolitan area of New York as cheaply as possible and with a minimum of risk either by way of air pollution or otherwise.

Is it not the fact that the needs of the community, with due regard to all of the dangers and safety factors, can best be accomplished by bringing in fuel for this purpose by means of existing underground lines?

My information is that such pipe lines are available and that the economics of the situation dictate the use thereof. This would at the same time eliminate any possible deleterious effect on fish life and eliminate the question of air pollution.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Abraham J. Multer

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CC: Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior  
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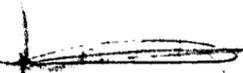
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