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The Honorable Glenn T Seaborg Chairman
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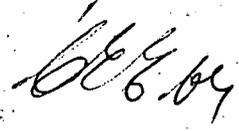
Dear Dr Seaborg

I received a letter from Congressman Abraham J Multer dated September 22nd concerning the possible expansion of our Indian Point Nuclear Power Station in Buchanan, New York. I understand you received a copy of this letter.

I personally discussed with Mr Multer the matters mentioned in his letter and, in addition, wrote him a reply.

Just recently I learned that Mr Multer had not had a copy of my reply sent to you. I discussed this with him, and he suggested I send you a copy. This is attached.

Sincerely,



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Arnold R. Fritsch
For the Chairman

October 7, 1965

The Honorable Abraham J. Multer
The House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Multer:

First I want to express my appreciation for the time you took from your busy schedule last Thursday to review the matters brought up in your letter of September 22nd. I believe the principal items mentioned in your letter were clarified during our discussion, but as you requested I am summarizing my comments for you.

As you know, the energy needs of our great metropolitan area are continually increasing as our society moves forward and living standards rise. In recent years the demands for electricity on our system have been growing at a rate of some 300,000 kilowatts annually. We are required by law to meet these ever increasing requirements, and to do this we must periodically provide additional electric generating capacity so the people we serve will be able to have all the electricity they want wherever and whenever they want it. This, of course, is essential to the well-being and economic growth of the entire region.

Because of the four to five years required to engineer and construct a large power plant, we continually plan many years ahead. As we approach the time when a decision must be made on proceeding with new generating capacity, we study every feasible means of providing the needed power to insure that what we select is in the best interests of the consumers we serve. There are a variety of factors that enter into such a consideration, but foremost among these are economics, reliability and air pollution control.

At present we are nearing the time when a firm decision regarding the addition of new generating capacity must be made. For many months we have been carrying out comparative studies of various means of providing additional power. These studies include consideration of mine-mouth plants, hydroelectric power from Churchill Falls in Labrador, fossil fuel fired plants,

plant if this were so. As you know, a nuclear power plant cannot be undertaken without a permit from the Atomic Energy Commission, and this comes only after a most thorough investigation and a satisfactory finding as to the plant's safety. In New York State we are also under certain regulation in so far as Nuclear Power Plants are concerned by the Department of Health. Convincing testimony of the effectiveness of AEC Regulation is the unparalleled safety record of nuclear power reactors in this country.

Our present nuclear power plant at Indian Point has been in operation for some three years. Long before the plant went into operation we began collecting data on background radiation in the Hudson River, in the air, in lakes and ponds in the vicinity, and in other selected sites. These measurements have continued, and data after three years of operation show the plant has caused no discernible increase in radiation levels at any of these locations.

Much has been said about the destruction of fish life that took place at Indian Point in early 1963 shortly after the plant began operating. This was regrettable, and something that caught us completely by surprise, as no other power plants along the river had experienced this trouble. The cause of this destruction of fish life in the Spring of 1963 was basically the design of the dock in front of the intake structure for cooling water. When the trouble arose, we immediately began seeking a satisfactory solution, and after trying several different means, found an effective one that was installed in the late Spring 1963. Since then we have continued our investigation of this problem, and have further modified our dock. This unfortunate happening was in no way related to nuclear radiation, and would have occurred had the plant been a conventional one. We know a great deal about this situation now and foresee no difficulty with fish in the future.

I touched only briefly on the matter of overhead versus underground transmission in our discussion, but this is a subject that requires most careful consideration. The aesthetic argument is used as a basis for putting the lines underground, and if aesthetics were the only consideration, I'd join in advocating that they be buried. However, the disadvantages of such a course from the standpoints of economy of service and system reliability are enormous, and would have the most serious implications for all electric consumers. I only hope that our legislators will take a very serious look at this in any legislative proposals, as any requirement for burying transmission lines could have most serious effects on the region's, if not the nation's economy.

As we agreed in our discussion, I will keep you apprised of the major steps we plan to take to provide the necessary additional energy requirements for New York City and Westchester. I shall certainly take advantage of your kind offer to visit or get in touch with you on other matters of mutual interest as they arise in the future.

Again, thank you for the pleasant get-together.

Sincerely,

A. J. Multer

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