

October 4 1966.

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Dr. Seaborg :

We have received the Initial Decision of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Docket No. 50-247. As the document notes, the Conservation Center which had requested a postponement on August 13, was unfairly denied the right to intervene. Counsel requested and received, as the record of the Public Hearing should show, an acknowledgement of his objection and exception to the decision of the Board with respect to the Conservation Center's position to be allowed in behalf of the public to intervene. If, indeed, there are no undue risks to the health and safety of the public as the decision states, there should be no hesitation in allowing this modern equivalent of the office of ombudsman an opportunity to record its Objections to the Safety Evaluation and receive detailed answers and assurance.

We request your personal review of this Initial Decision before it becomes effective on October 14. It seems clear that the law and the procedures work against the safety of the public, and that the plight of power-short Con Edison should not be allowed to influence the Commission. It is obvious that this is a highly experimental plant, and there will be severe pressures to give approval to steps in advance of knowing with any degree of certainty whether presently unsolved problems can be resolved. The potentially lethal nature of giant nuclear reactors does not permit any assumptions. The New York Times of September 21 in an editorial Atomic Danger urged the public safety factor be given more attention.

We will appreciate your personal assurance that you have pondered this Initial Decision, which could set a precedent for many proposed large scale nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

Larry Bogart, Director

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of  
CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY  
OF NEW YORK, INC.

DOCKET NO. 50-247

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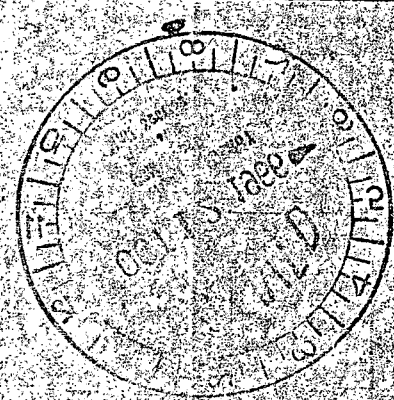
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