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Honorable Gaylord Nelson
United States Senate

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am pleased to reply to your letter of August 21, 1968, regarding the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant, which enclosed a copy of a letter from Mr. Alvin Beranek of Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Beranek has also written a letter to the Atomic Energy Commission of similar purport to his letter to you. A copy of our answer to his letter which was addressed to the Commission is enclosed. As indicated in this response, we are unable to give him any assistance concerning any desire of the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation to obtain a right-of-way over his property for transmission lines as this is a matter outside of the substantive jurisdiction of the Commission.

Copies of the documents and booklets which we are mailing to Mr. Beranek are also enclosed.

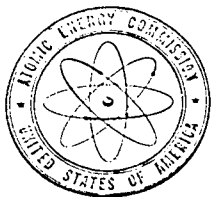
Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

Enclosure:
Copy of ltr to Alvin
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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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Mr. Alvin Beranek
Rural Route 1
Kewaunee, Wisconsin 54216

Dear Mr. Beranek:

I am pleased to reply to your letter dated August 12, 1968, inquiring about the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant.

The regulatory staff of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), an independent, statutory group of experts whose function is to advise the Commission on reactor safety matters, thoroughly reviewed the application for a construction permit which was filed with the Commission in August 1967. As a result of this review, both the regulatory staff and the ACRS concluded that the proposed reactor could be constructed at the Kewaunee site with reasonable assurance that it could be operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public. The bases for these conclusions are embodied in the regulatory staff's Safety Evaluation dated May 28, 1968, a copy of which is enclosed.

A public hearing to consider the application was held in Kewaunee, Wisconsin on June 27-28, 1968, before a three man Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated by the Commission. This hearing was open to the public and procedures for participation in the hearing by interested members of the public were provided. Pursuant to these procedures, representatives of the State of Wisconsin, and local officials of Kewaunee and the Town of Carlton took part in the hearing. After considering all of the testimony and evidence offered at the hearing, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued its initial decision on August 6, 1968, in which it authorized the issuance of a provisional construction permit to the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation to construct the plant. A copy of the Board's decision is enclosed.

In reviewing the application and reaching conclusions regarding the safety of the proposed plant, the regulatory staff and the ACRS took into consideration the matter of releases of radioactive materials, including those

Mr. Alvin Beranek

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which might be contained in released gases, during operation of the plant. The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board also took the matter into consideration in reaching its decision to authorize the granting of the provisional construction permit. Further discussion of this matter may be found in the regulatory staff's Safety Evaluation, which is enclosed.

Also enclosed are copies of two booklets prepared by the Atomic Energy Commission regarding the licensing of power reactors and atomic power safety which will provide more information regarding the Commission's licensing procedures and the safety programs designed to protect the health and safety of the public.

We are unable to provide you with any assistance regarding your difficulties with the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation regarding the acquisition of a right-of-way since the substantive regulatory authority of the Commission is limited essentially to matters of radiological health and safety and the common defense and security.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Morris, Director
Division of Reactor Licensing

Enclosures:

1. Safety Evaluation
2. Initial Decision
3. Copies of Two Booklets

cc: Senator Gaylord Nelson
Senator William Proxmire

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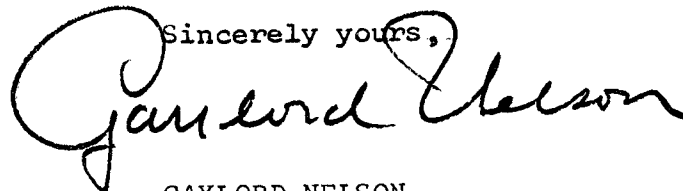
Mr. Robert D. O'Neill, Director
Congressional Relations
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Even though the Atomic Energy Commission did not issue a permit to construct a nuclear power plant in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin, until review by the AEC Regulatory Staff and the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and a public hearing by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, my constituent, Mr. Alvin Beranek of Kewaunee, Wisconsin, has expressed concern about the danger. He is concerned about the danger to those persons living near the proposed nuclear power plant.

Please give his letter the utmost consideration and advise. Many thanks for this courtesy.

Sincerely yours,



GAYLORD NELSON
U. S. Senator

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OFFICE OF
SENATOR CARL LORND NELSON

Kewaunee, Wis.
Aug. 12. 1968

Dear sir: I am Alvin Beranek Kewaunee Wis. 54216, I live one mile west of Kewaunee Nuclear Power plant at the information meetings we were not told about the danger of the plant only the good parts. I am sure we were misrepresented at these hearings, at the main hearing we had nothing to say then things were different as I also read the Atomic Commission report I am very concerned about the safety so are my neighbors, also Wis. Public service wanted a right of way through my neighbors field for right of way after fighting him for a year they now want to go on my property is this fair, for so little money my neighbor sold his land for \$500 an acre I am sure my land will loose it value with these lines there are a lot of unhappy people around here that had to give up there farms, worse yet is those that have to live near the boundry of the plant, hope to hear from you real soon as they have served

Papers on me to go to court why did
they not take the neighbor to court
first I hope you can be some help to me
me real soon yours truly

Alvin Beranek

Kewanee

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