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Honorable William Proxmire
United States Senate

Dear Senator Proxmire:

I am pleased to reply to your letter of September 5, 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

Enclosures:

1. Copy of letter to Alvin Beranek w/encs.
2. Letter from Alvin Beranek

RE-TYPED TO CORRECT DATE OF INCOMING LETTER, 9/20/68

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United States Senate

Dear Senator Proxmire:

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.

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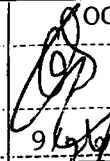
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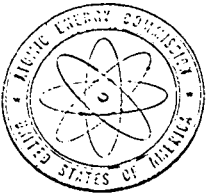
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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

Docket No. 50-305

SEP 26 1968

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

United States Senate

Sept. 5, 1968

Respectfully referred to

Legislative Liaison
Atomic Energy Commission

Wash., D. C.

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

William P. Friedman
U. S. S.

GPO 16-73527-2

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Dear Senator Proxmire:

I am Alvin Beranek. I live one mile west of the Kewaunee Nuclear Plant that is being erected.

Last night I attended the County Democratic meeting in Kewaunee. I talked with Oscar Berg and Bill Wright about a problem I have with the Wisconsin Public Service Company.

My land adjoins the Kewaunee nuclear plant. A year ago Wisconsin Public Service engineers surveyed a power line which went $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away from my property. However, one of the neighbors would not give them an easement. After fighting with him for over a year, they decided to move the line into my land. Now they are

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threatening to take me to court. They set a price of \$175 an acre, while land is now selling around \$550 an acre. Since any more lines in the future will have to go through my farm it will become worthless. I feel that I should be justified for getting this line because it was not the original route. I want that they should buy my farm which they refuse to do.

Also, it seems that Wisconsin Public Service misrepresented everyone in the area when they came in. At the preliminary hearing they told everyone how good the nuclear plant would be and how much tax money Kewaunee County and the town of Carlton would receive. Later on at the main hearing it was brought out by the Atomic Energy Commission

the dangers connected with such an operation). Also it was never brought out that radio-active gases would be released into the atmosphere and that radio-active material will be released into Lake Michigan). It seems it wasn't fair how they misrepresented us and now we have to live so close to the plant.

I would hope that you might be of some help to me during this ordeal. Any help you could offer would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Alvin Beranek

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Kewaunee, Wis. 54216