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June 15, 1973

TO : Regulatory thru General Manager (OCA)

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FROM : Cong. Donald Fraser

6/7/73

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SUBJECT: Letter from constituent, Alpha Smaby,
concerning scheduling public hearings
on Northern States Power Co. Monticello
and Prairie Island plants in
Minnesota

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For the Chairman: Minnie Earle Hargett

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June 7, 1973

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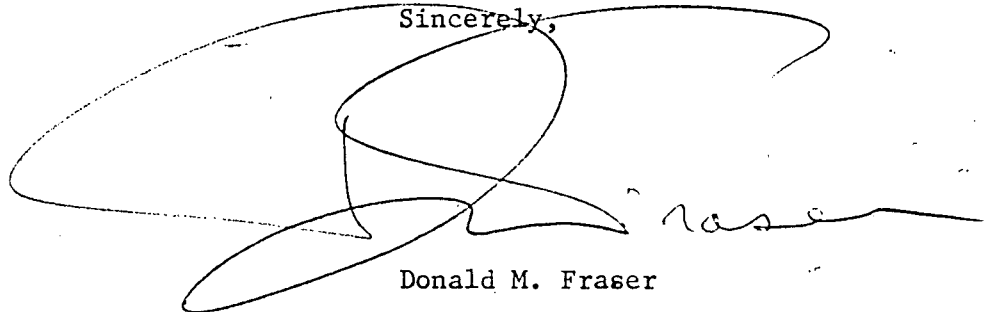
Dear Dr. Ray:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Alpha Smaby concerning scheduling of public hearings on Northern States Power Company's Monticello and Prairie Island nuclear power plants in Minnesota.

I would appreciate a report on the questions raised by Ms. Smaby. Certainly these hearings should be scheduled in such a way as to encourage public and State participation.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald M. Fraser', is written over the typed name.

Donald M. Fraser

Enclosure

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1531 E. River Road
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May 25, 1973

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The Honorable Donald M. Fraser
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Fraser:

The Citizens of Minnesota have been placed in a dire predicament. We are faced with the operation of an unlicensed, untested nuclear power plant, Prairie Island, and with a Pollution Control Agency (PCA) that has been rendered helpless by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). The PCA, with Minnesota Environmental Control Citizens Association (MECCA), is an intervenor in an AEC Environmental Review Hearing for the Monticello plant. The PCA and Steve Gadler, a private citizen, are intervenors in the licensing hearings on Prairie Island.

The AEC is now threatening to schedule the Monticello and Prairie Island Hearings concurrently, which has forced the PCA, for lack of staff and money, to sign an agreement with NSP and the AEC that (1) it will stop all discovery on Prairie Island after August 15, (2) NSP will be allowed to fuel the plant, and (3) NSP will begin test operation of the plant.

Steve Gadler has refused to enter into this agreement because he feels that questions concerning fuel densification and the emergency core cooling system should have full public hearing before the plant is fueled and operated. The PCA has decided not to raise these questions because it does not have the staff to handle simultaneous hearings.

The question of scheduling overlapping hearings is appalling to me for two reasons. It is appalling that the AEC can schedule hearings in such a way as to render the MPCA powerless. It is also distressing that we pay three agencies which make decisions about the Prairie Island plant yet we will be denied a public hearing before that plant is fueled and operated. Our state taxes pay for the PCA to protect the quality of air and water for the people of Minnesota. Our federal taxes pay the AEC to encourage the use of nuclear energy and our rate monies finance the building and operation of Prairie Island and Monticello by NSP. When questions about the operation and safety of these two plants are raised, it seems only proper that full public hearings be held so that these questions can be completely explored.

Federal agencies must not be allowed to jeopardize the integrity of state agencies by placing them in situations where they lack the staff and the budget to do their job. Would you demand the AEC to schedule the two hearings in such a way as to allow the PCA to cover both hearings adequately and urge the AEC to withhold permits to fuel and operate the Prairie Island plant until a full public hearing is held?

Sincerely,

Alpha Smaby
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