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Gene Stilp
Taxpayers and Ratepayers United
1550 Fishing Creek Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

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Diane Curran
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Washington, DC 20036

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Mindy Goldstein
Turner Environmental Law Clinic
Emory University Law School
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Dear Ms. Goldstein:

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Ossining, NY 10562

Dear Ms. Brancato:

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Paul Gunter
Beyond Nuclear
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Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Mr. Gunter:

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Michael Mariotte
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 340
Takoma Park, MD 20912

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Raymond Shadis
Friends of the Coast
New England Coalition
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Edgecomb, ME 04556

Dear Mr. Shadis:

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Council for Intervenors
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Topeka, KS 66603

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Asheville, NC 28802

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Toledo, OH 43604

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Barry J. White
Citizens Allied for Safe Energy, Inc.
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Miami, FL 33176

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