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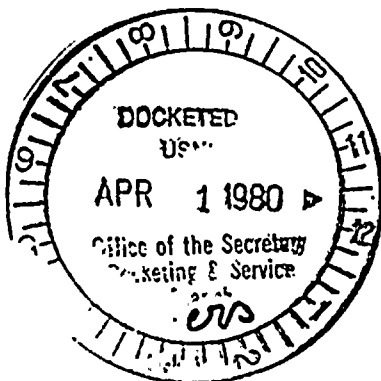
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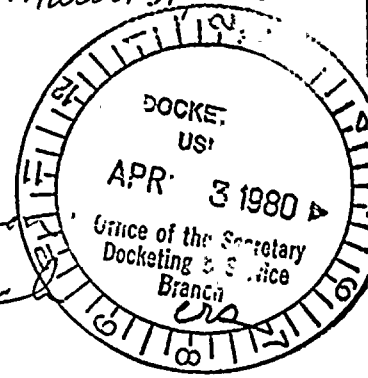
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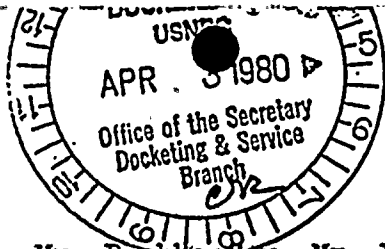
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Thank you,

Florence L. Shelly





James L. Perkins

March 27, 1980

Mr. Bechhoefer, Mr. Bright, and Dr. Paris
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Mr. Bechhoefer, Mr. Bright, and Dr. Paris:

I attended the hearing on March 20 in the hope of being able to make a limited appearance statement. However, due to another commitment and to the lengthier than expected hearing I missed my opportunity. I hope you will accept these written comments as if I had been able to present them.

I have several points: the first is relatively minor. I made a limited appearance statement to you in January, 1979, regarding the use of the Rasmussen Report by PP&L for public relations purposes. At the lunch recess that day I asked Mr. Bechhoefer if I would receive a reply. I think he said I would. Much later I received a letter from Mr. Cutchin saying, in effect, that neither the Staff nor PP&L needed to answer my statement unless it had a direct bearing on certain issues. He then completely mischaracterized my statement and assured me my concerns were without support. I responded to clarify my position, but received no further word. Assuming that neither the Staff nor the Applicants were supposed to respond because of Mr. Cutchin's letter, I gave up.

Later still I read by chance a copy of the Special Pre-hearing Conference Order of March 6. On page 77 it reads:

"During the special prehearing conference, we heard a number of limited appearance statements offered in accordance with 10 CFR 2.715(a). We asked the Applicant and/or Staff to prepare responses to those statements not comprehended by the admitted contentions."

As I've read the contentions, there is none that mentions PP&L's public relations campaign. That is a small matter, but it does cause me to wonder about the good faith of the attorney for the Staff.

I'd like now to share with you several quotations that seem germane to this hearing. On page 24 of the Kemeny Commission Report reads the following comment:

"What we consider crucial is whether the proposed changes are carried out by the same organizations (unchanged), with the same kinds of practices and the same attitudes that were prevalent prior to the accident. As long as proposed improvements are carried out in a 'business as usual' atmosphere, the fundamental changes necessitated by the accident at Three Mile Island cannot be realized."

James L. Perkins

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So we must look to the NRC and the utility for improvements in attitude, for true concern and for a new way. On March 10, 1980, Olan Parr, the NRC project manager for the Susquehanna facility, was quoted in the Harrisburg Patriot: "When you come out of a situation like that, (TMI) you're a little bit punchy. You have expended so much effort in a very narrow area. Now we are trying to relearn how we were doing business before." (emphasis and parenthetical comment mine) I suggest to you that the Staff, upon which you rely for support and upon whose judgement the neighbors of Susquehanna may someday have to rely for their well-being, has not learned the lessons of TMI. On the national level this was commented upon by Kemeny on page 56:

"With its present organization, staff and attitudes the NRC is unable to fulfill its responsibility for providing an acceptable level of safety for nuclear power plants."

(On a personal level, this was reconfirmed by my experience at the special prehearing conference last week. As I took notes for Dr. Johnsrud, I was startled to have a Staff attorney shout at her right over my head. Uninformed though I may be, it certainly seems that requests for a party to refrain from interrupting should be directed to the chairman or at least politely to the individual. Such behavior does not seem to represent changes in attitude which are positive.)

Of all these quotes and thoughts, perhaps the best summation was offered by Mitchell Rogovin in The Prognosis on page 171: "We are not reassured by what we see so far."

So, here we are in another licensing situation. The Applicants had moved to throw out one intervenor and exclude two others from oral participation in making the record complete. What has been the method used to bring about this situation? It certainly seems that the attempt has been made to bury the representatives under massive requests for information. Ask them to list every document and every conversation they've ever had pertaining to low-level radiations. Ask them the names of the Applicants' plants, and then ask them where they got that information. Ask them for information that no one knows such as the amount of radon due to the plant should it ever be allowed to operate.

And then, when the answer is we don't know, or this is unreasonable, the response has been to demand the answer again and to threaten the intervenors with expulsion. I don't think the attitudes of the utility seem to have changed much either.

James L. Perkins

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I'd like to ask you to do something positive.

Here is a utility, PP&L, which:

- 1) does not need the power. Annually this company sells outside its service area 30 percent or more of the total kwh it sells to its customers. Furthermore, it is the only winter peaking member of its P-J-M conglomerate, to the best of my knowledge.
- 2) has spent about 1.6 billion dollars to date, but has announced that its current estimates call for an additional 1.6 billion dollars.
- and 3) in debates and talks throughout the state has been represented by its public relations people as continuing to build the plant for economic reasons only. On several occasions I have heard PP&L spokesmen say that in 1968 the company's forecasts indicated they would need the plant, but that now they don't. These representatives say the company must keep building in order to recoup the past investment.

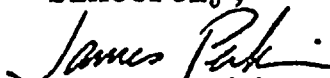
The question of the need for power is real, but is not one that can be addressed by the present Public Utility Commission. It is a question that ought to be addressed now, in light of the sales records of the last few years and PP&L's notable record as conservation proponents. As long as the construction permit for Susquehanna is in place, PP&L feels the weight of the millstone around its neck. The company must keep constructing the unneeded and phenomenally expensive plant. So, for the people of the upper Susquehanna valley, for PP&L and for all PP&L customers, I ask you to suspend the construction permit for Susquehanna until an independent auditing team is given freedom, funding and access to PP&L records to assess the company's need for power and to assess the consequences and explore with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission alternatives to the consequences of a permanent halt to the construction.

If it is not in your power to suspend the construction permit, I ask that you recommend to the NRC Commissioners ~~that~~ such a suspension without prejudice. I would truly like to see PP&L back in the public's favor and freed from this folly.

PS Best wishes for
Mr. Bright's
recovery soon!

PPS please drop the
enclosed card in the
mail so I will know this has arrived. Thanks

Sincerely,


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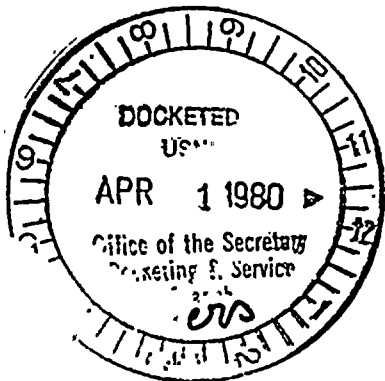
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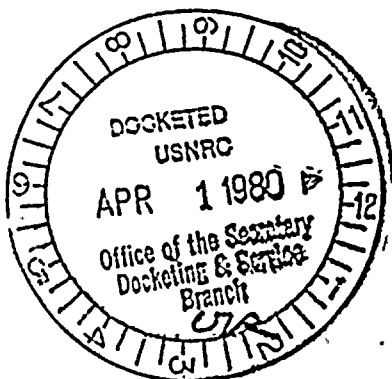
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