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Commissioners,  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

re: Docket 50-387,388 - Penna. Power & Light,  
Susquehanna 1 & 2

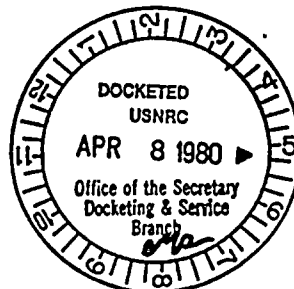
It has come to our attention that the Atomic Safety & Licensing Board in the above proceeding is seriously considering placing restrictions on the public interest intervenors in order to prevent the intervenors from litigating their own contentions. Included in the restrictions under consideration is prohibition of both the submission of direct evidence by the public interest intervenors and prohibition of cross-examination of witnesses presented by the applicant and the NRC staff.

Rather than denying the applicant's motion for the above restrictions outright, the Atomic Safety & Licensing Board is taking the motion under advisement and planning a further meeting on this.

We are disturbed and outraged that the Board would actually attempt to manipulate the discovery process in so blatant a manner. Apparently, rather than try to equitably comply with the process of inquiry and discovery, the Board seems to be intent on eliminate intervenors procedurally, especially those who raise genuine substantive questions.

The public received many assurances after Three Mile Island about the NRC's concern over and commitment to safety. One would assume that honesty and integrity in the licensing process and procedures would be included, but apparently this Board has no intention of including it.

If the NRC is to regain its credibility it will have to provide more than the appearance of reform. On the assumption that you are unaware of such attempts to eliminate public participation, we ask that you make a full inquiry into this matter and into other possible attempts by either boards or NRC staff to deny the public due process and its rights within established NRC procedures. This is a grave matter that deserves nothing less than a full explanation and retraction.



Sincerely,

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