Docket Nos. 50-387 50-388

The Honorable Donald Ritter United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ritter:

I am pleased to respond to your request of January 18, 1980 that we advise you of our action on the complaint of your constituent Mr. Cressman. You enclosed a copy of Mr. Cressman's letter in which he alleges that the NRC has thwarted the attempts of the Environmental Coalition on Nuclear Power (ECNP) and other anti-nuclear groups to intervene in the licensing proceedings for Units 1 and 2 of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (the facility). He also claims that the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (the Board) has been unfair to these groups in its rulings on discovery requests.

The NRC has not "thwarted" the attempts to intervene of ECNP or any other groups opposed to the issuance of operating licenses for the facility. In fact all such groups that petitioned to intervene (ECNP and three others) were admitted as parties to the proceeding by Order of the Board on March 6, 1979. Nor do we believe that the Board had been unfair in its rulings. I am enclosing copies of the Board's two most comprehensive orders on discovery so that you may see the steps that the Board has taken to assure that the intervenors are given ample opportunity to state their cases against the licensing of the facility.

I trust that this information will place your constituent's allegations in proper perspective.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Executive Director

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Acting Executive Director for Operations

Enclosures:

- 1. Board Memo and Order dtd 08/24/79
- 2. Board Memo and Order dtd 10/30/79
- 3. Ltr fm D. Cressman to D. Ritter

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