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September 23 1976

TO: Legislative Liaison
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

ENCLOSURE FROM:

RE:

I am forwarding the attached for your consideration. I would appreciate receiving any information you have available that will enable me to be responsive to my constituent's inquiry.

Please return the enclosed correspondence with your report.

Sincerely,


Harrison A. Williams, Jr.

Reply to:

F SENATOR HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, JR.
352 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Martin P. Hanson
106 Partree Road
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August 23, 1976

Senator Harrison A. Williams
231 Elizabeth Ave.
Westfield, N.J. 07090

Dear Senator Williams:

I am forwarding to you a copy of my letter to Mr. Smith of Public Service Electric & Gas, concerning federal judicial and executive action which may increase my electric cost. Please consider this letter a request for action on your part also.

I am getting mighty frustrated waiting for Congress's required action on energy legislation. We desperately need nuclear fission power and I want Congress to write and pass legislation which will eliminate the ridiculous licensing delays my utility and others have to contend with.

I'd like you to do two things:

- (1) inform your constituents publicly of the cost of service effect of NRC's keeping Salem out of service and
- (2) get to work on legislation which will get nuclear fission power out of its morass of federal "straight jackets."

Sincerely,

Martin P. Hanson

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106 Partree Road
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003

August 23, 1976

Robert I. Smith, President
Public Service Electric & Gas
80 Park Place
Newark, N.J. 07101

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am a homeowner and an electric and gas customer of your company. I have been appalled at the high cost of the energy I purchase from your company, but I have never written you before about this. I believe the high cost of energy is due to circumstances largely beyond the control of your company's management.

A recent example of an action beyond your company's control is the court decision which requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to consider further radioactive waste and energy conservation in its licensing actions. I understand the NRC has reacted to this court order by announcing that among other things they will not issue a full power operating license for PSE&G's Salem Generating Station until some unspecified review has been completed. Further, I understand this delay may prevent PSE&G customers from having additional lower cost nuclear power available to them this year from Salem. Also I understand PSE&G may be prevented from a federal income tax investment credit due to Salem if it does not become commercial this year. I assume that both of these effects will tend to keep my electric bill higher than it might otherwise be.

I am writing you to ask if this ridiculous court decision and NRC reaction will have a significant effect on my electric bill? If so, how much? If it is significant please publicize this loudly and widely to your customers.

How can we, your customers, organize to start influencing the ridiculous federal (and state) regulation, rules and court actions which are driving our cost of your service through the roof?

Sincerely,

Mark Hanson

copy to:
Congressman Edwin Forsythe
Senator Clifford Case
Senator Harrison Williams