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The Secretary of the Commission  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attn: Docketing and Services Branch

To the Secretary:

In response to the letter by C. Thomas Biddle, Jr., dated July 31, 1979, I would like to make it clear that I wish to be a full intervening party, rather than a limited intervenor.

I live and work in Legislative District 79, which includes Montrose, the Heights, and the Fourth and Sixth Wards. My entire district is within 50 miles of the Allens Creek Nuclear Project.

I feel that my responsibility to my constituents to protect their health and safety, as well as my personal residence and employment in an area that is so central that it would hinder my evacuation in case of a melt down or other emergency, makes me particularly affected and interested in the proceedings in question.

Highway I-10, the highway that is planned to transport a substantial amount of the nuclear waste from the plant to South Carolina, runs through the center of my Legislative District. Because of the location of my district, my constituents would be in jeopardy if an emergency occurs and a need to flee arises. My health and safety, as well as that of my constituents, can be endangered.

The Allens Creek plant is being engineered to be the "dirtiest" plant ever built, emitting 35,000 curies of radiation per year, as compared to 7,000 or less in some earlier-built plants. This is planned during normal operations. The South Texas plant is planned to emit only 1,500 per year. Further, in the event of a melt-down, the WASH-740 government report demonstrates that an area the size of Pennsylvania would be rendered uninhabitable. This sort of occurrence would wipe out the entirety of Houston.

I did not file a petition for leave to intervene pursuant to the Board notices of May 31 and September 11, 1978, because I felt then that I could not meet all the criteria in the Federal Register notices. The restrictions on permissible contentions were so restrictive as to new evidence requirements and plant change requirements, that I felt then that I could not meet those guidelines. I have now determined that I am and should be a full intervening party, and request your acknowledgement of me such.

I would also like to request that you send the following to my legislative office:

- 1) The 6-volume Applicants' Environmental Report
- 2) The NRC Environmental Statement
- 3) The NLESP Safety Analysis
- 4) The NRC Safety Analysis

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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