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WILLIAMSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ■ P. O. BOX 311 ■ WILLIAMSTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27892

November 21, 1979

Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20555



Dear Chairman Hendrie:

With a stroke of the pen you can do two things:

1. Help relieve the United States' dependence on foreign oil.
2. Save the residents of Northeastern North Carolina about \$1,400,000 each month on their energy bills. That's about \$85 per person per year.

How? By signing the permit for Virginia Electric and Power Company to operate its new North Anna II Nuclear Generating Unit.

It is our understanding that this new nuclear plant could have begun operation in June, 1979, except for modifications required by your agency following the Three Mile Island incident. We have no arguments that these modifications were desirable for safety reasons; however, when they are completed in early 1980, there should be no reason that the license be further delayed. North Anna II should be one of the safest nuclear units in the United States with the modifications your agency has required.

With the Iranian crisis reducing our already critical oil supplies, it appears only prudent to curtail its use whenever practical. It is our understanding that North Anna II has the capability of producing the same amount of electricity as about 750,000 barrels of oil per month in a fossil fuel plant. Until a permit is issued, Vepco will have to substitute very expensive foreign oil for electricity that could be produced at North Anna.

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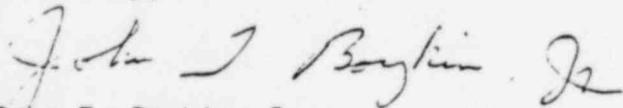
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It is extremely important to allow the operation of North Anna II at the earliest possible date. The United States and particularly those people served by Vepco can ill afford the alternative -- furnishing substitute electric service by burning imported oil.

In view of the reasons cited above, the Board of Directors of the Williamston Area Chamber of Commerce passed a motion on November 15, 1979, that I write to you to convey their feelings on this matter.

Sincerely,



John T. Boykin, Jr.
Executive Vice President

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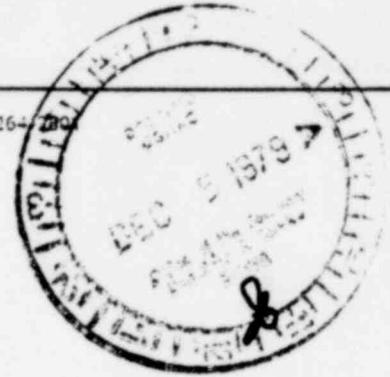
cc: President Jimmy Carter
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Ernest M. Jordan, Jr., Executive Vice President

November 20, 1979



The Honorable Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative and the consumers in Virginia which it represents. Old Dominion is a power supply cooperative which consists of sixteen member-cooperatives. Of the sixteen members, thirteen purchase their power at wholesale from the Virginia Electric and Power Company and resell it to over 183,000 consumers in Virginia. It is the interest of these consumers which prompts me to write this letter.

Of greatest concern is the NRC's decision to continue its moratorium on issuing operating licenses for nuclear plants which have been completed. We are deeply worried over the effect this decision will have on our country in general, especially considering the delicate situation in the Mid-East. It would seem that at this time, more than ever before, the United States should be striving to be less dependent upon foreign oil and continuing such a moratorium on nuclear plants is definitely not moving in the right direction.

Virginia Electric and Power Company's North Anna 2 nuclear unit has been completed for several months now. It was constructed under NRC's most recent licensing requirements and, therefore, should be considered safer than earlier plants which are now operating. In spite of this and the fact that the NRC has approved the State Emergency Plan, this unit sits idle while Virginians pay higher electric bills for oil- and coal-fired generation and face the winter months with even higher bills as well as the possibility of blackouts since Virginia Electric and Power Company had planned to have this unit on line to help meet the winter demand.

We generally support the Kemeny Commission's report and agree that in view of the incident at Three Mile Island, there is need to review nuclear power plant operations in an effort to make them as safe as humanly possible.

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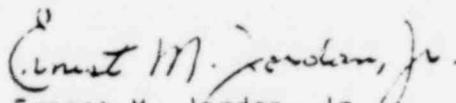
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We are aware of the great responsibility the NRC has to the citizens of the United States to see that this is properly carried out. However, we feel that the NRC's decision not to license those plants which are completed and have been built safer than those allowed to continue operation does more damage to the economy of our country than it does to serve public safety.

We believe this country is facing a very critical time unless steps are soon taken to get our nuclear plants operating. This includes those which are completed and awaiting operating licenses as well as those which have been taken out of operation since Three Mile Island and fall under additional NRC requirements which will delay their return to operation for weeks and even months. If these units are not allowed to operate, the economic impact on our country and Virginians in particular will be serious.

Virginia Electric and Power Company's North Anna 2 unit should be licensed for operation. We urge you to review this matter and act promptly on this most important issue.

Very respectfully yours,


Ernest M. Jordan, Jr.

cc: The Honorable John N. Dalton
Governor of Virginia

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Commissioners, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commissioners, Virginia State Corporation Commission

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