



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

June 13, 1979

Docket Nos. 50-498/499

The Honorable Carole Keeton McClellan
Mayor of Austin
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Mayor McClellan:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 1979, in which you request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) establish a second Local Public Document Room (LPDR) for the South Texas Project at the Austin Public Library, Austin, Texas. The proposed LPDR would be in addition to the one presently maintained at the Matagorda County Courthouse, Bay City, Texas, which would remain in effect.

In your letter you mention the "need to be open and communicative with the public with respect to the construction and operation of a nuclear facility." The NRC recognizes this need also, and since 1971 has established LPDRs to assist in this effort. Because of our commitment to keep the public informed, and the interest expressed by the citizens of Austin, we will be pleased to establish a Local Public Document Room in the City of Austin.

As you suggested, Mrs. Jona Souder, Chief of the NRC's Local Public Document Room Branch, has been in contact with Mr. Hancock, and arrangements are being made to have the Austin Public Library serve as an additional LPDR for the South Texas Project. We are now in the process of reproducing copies of the records for this plant, and we will forward the records to the library within the next few weeks.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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J. M. Felton, Director
Division of Rules and Records
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May 7, 1979

Mr. Joseph Felton
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Dear Mr. Felton:

This letter is to request the NRC's consideration of the establishment of a local Public Document Room in Austin, Texas. I understand that Mr. Hancock, the Director of the Electric Utility for the City of Austin, has been in contact with Mr. Siedle in Arlington with the NRC and Ms. Souder in your division concerning this matter, and their suggestion was that we communicate with your office concerning our desire for a local Public Document Room.

My interest in establishing a Public Document Room in Austin, Texas centers around the need to be open and communicative with the public with respect to the construction and operation of a nuclear facility. Austin is the academic center for the University of Texas and its 40,000 students, as well as being the Capital of the State of Texas. As a municipally-owned electric utility system, the City of Austin experiences an unusual public involvement in utility matters.

The City of Austin is a sixteen percent participant in the South Texas Project, currently under construction in Matagorda County, near the Gulf of Mexico. As such, it is approximately 160 miles from Austin to the Public Document Room located in Bay City, Texas and, as a result, a local Public Document Room in Austin would be very beneficial.

The City of Austin has made available publicly copies of the Environmental Report, the Application, the Preliminary Safety Analysis, the Final Safety Analysis and the companion documents associated with the Application for the Operating License. These are on file in Austin at the University of Texas Center for Energy Studies, the City of Austin Public Library and the Electric Utility Administrative Offices.

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The City of Austin has a very excellent professional library staff, and we would be very pleased to provide the necessary facilities to accommodate and to control the materials required for the Public Document Room in the Austin downtown Public Library.

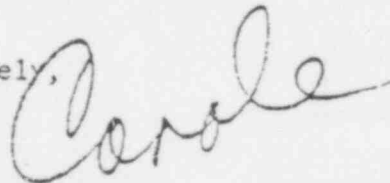
It is my understanding that Mr. Hancock has been in contact with Ms. Souder and has indicated to her that initially we would like to start with the normal materials that appear in a normal local Public Document Room for those materials associated with the project, after some certain mutually acceptable date.

We certainly understand that the NRC cannot provide local Public Document Rooms in all cities in the United States. I feel that the City of Austin is unique in that it has been extremely active, from a public point of view, with respect to the nuclear issue and, as a matter of fact, has gone through five public votes with respect to the nuclear issue and Austin's participation in the South Texas Project. It is important that we be as straightforward and honest with our citizens as is humanly possible, and I feel this is an unusual opportunity to provide factual and complete information to the citizens with respect to the development of this project.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the straightforward and open manner in which NRC has been responding to our previous concerns and questions and, in particular, the response of Mr. Siedle's office in Arlington, Texas to my inquiries and to inquiries from other citizens in Austin relating to the South Texas Project.

Mr. Hancock is available to assist you in any manner that he may with respect to this matter, and I look forward to further communications with your office.

Sincerely,



Carole Keeton McClellan
Mayor

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