

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY) DOCKET NOS. S50-599
INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY,) S50-600
IOWA-ILLINOIS GAS & ELECTRIC)
COMPANY, Carroll County Site.)

COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO EARLY SITE REVIEW

The People of the State of Illinois (hereinafter the "People") by William J. Scott, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, have an interest in this proceeding which is set forth in their Petition for Leave to Intervene. The People contend that an early site review with regard to the proposed Carroll County nuclear generating stations, would be untimely. The bases for their contention are as follows:

1. Commonwealth Edison Company's annual growth of energy demand has slowed, making further immediate construction of generating units unnecessary at this point. The necessity for Commonwealth's current and future construction is currently being investigated in hearings before the Illinois Commerce Commission (#78-0646).

2. On June 1, 1979 Commonwealth announced a two year delay in their Carroll County project plans.

3. Site suitability should not be determined until all that may be learned from the Three Mile Island incident may be incorporated into the decision.

The People will submit a brief in support of these contentions in the near future.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

NANCY J. BENNETT, hereby certify that I have this 4th day of June, 1979 served copies of the foregoing Comments In Opposition To Early Site Review for Leave to Intervene on each of the following persons by causing same to be deposited in envelopes addressed to said persons, first class, postage prepaid, and deposited with the United States Postal Service at 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

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