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

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Reference: Immediate Effectiveness Rule 10 CFR 2.764

Dear Sir:

The safety of the public has been and continues to be of primary importance in the licensing of a nuclear power plant. However, the safety and welfare of the public is threatened today by the slow energy strangulation of society. International strife, economic downturns or collapse, trucker strikes, lawlessness — all can and to some extent are occurring because of the shortage in oil supply. While there is always risks associated with their use (as with any other energy source), nuclear power plants reduce the risks which are associated with an energy shortage.

To place a requirement for absolute assurance of safety on nuclear plants and, therefore, accept automatically the risks associated with an energy shortage would be grossly illogical of the NRC and a public disservice. A primary goal of the NRC should be to support a procedure which allows a thorough review of the nuclear plant application in as short a period of time as possible. The NRC should continue the rule which allows for a construction permit to be issued on the basis of an initial decision of an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. The NRC, however, should make sure that the process which leads to the initial decision adequately covers the important issues.

In the whole process of licensing nuclear plants, the NRC should keep in mind that any additional delay in issuing construction permits for nuclear might reduce the risks of nuclear power somewhat but will surely increase the risks associated with a decreased energy supply situation.

Sincerely,

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