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To the Secretary of the Commission:

My name is Guy T. Hunt. I live in the State of Maine. In the community of Wiscasset there is a 790,000 kilowatt nuclear power plant. In the State of New Hampshire a twin reactor nuclear power plant is in the process of being constructed in the town of Seabrook. I live in a village called Burton which is within a 50 mile radius of each N-power plant. I am concerned about the potential hazards of radiation ( both high level and low level ), the possibilities of leakage of storage units of radioactive wastes, and the evacuation plans for people in the event of a nuclear catastrophe.

I have been informed that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public input into the potential establishment of evacuation planning around nuclear facilities. In the ensuing paragraphs I will outline my thoughts on this critical subject.

- 1. As telephone companies distribute telephone directories to the populace, I feel that electrical companies should circulate copies of evacuation plans along with gas masks and dosimeters to those people who could be effected by a nuclear accident.
- 2. Public utilities should establish temporary shelter for evacuees. At these depots food, clothing, and medical assistance should be provided to the evacuees free of charge.
- 3. In order to transport people buses, railways, a fleet of boats, airplanes should be purchased by the power companies to assist in the evacuation operation. This would help prevent mass panic.
- 4. In case of a nuclear accident racio and television programming should be interrupted, and the public should be notified of the severity of the accident and given instructions of possible evacuation procedures.
- 5. As in most communities there is unit of volunteer fire fighters, I feel that there should be community establishment of a group of people to volunteer their assistance in evacuation procedures.

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- Power companies should establish referral sevices to aid evacuees in finding permanent housing and employment, if towns and villages are sealed off for resettlement.
- 7. We have recently obtained information that a period of 20 years is needed to past in order that the ill effects of radiation show up. I feel that it is time that power companies and the nuclear industries assist in the medical expenses of those inflicted by uncue harm of radiation.

Throughout the history of the development of the peaceful atom the people of this country have had to foot the bill. There are those who mine uranium and are inflicted by cancer, and they have pay for their medical bills. For the construction of nuclear power plants money from our electrical bills are being used ( even if the people disapprove of its construction ). In case the nuclear plant is shutdown, and other sources of energy are needed to generate electricity; the people foot the increase in the cost. We have come to a point where the electrical companies should sharesome of the burden besides inheriting all the profits.

Thank you

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Sincerely yours, Gut T. Hunt

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