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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1001 Connecticut Avenue N. W.  
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Re: Skagit Nuclear Project-Docket Nos. 50-522 and 50-523

Dear Chairman Deale:

We enclosed the affidavit of David Stensby which supports the interrogatories which we formulated and submitted to the applicant and to which objections have been posed.

As will be evident from the affidavit, it appears that a significant design change, until now undisclosed, has been made by the applicant. Mr. Stensby's information, if correct, suggests to us that the applicant is derelict in failing to bring this design change to the attention of the commission's staff and the board.

One way to confirm Mr. Stensby's information would be for the applicant to respond to our interrogatories. Another way to respond to the problem would be for the applicant to come forward with information affirming or contradicting Mr. Stensby. We expect that, if Mr. Stensby's information is correct, the applicant will so confirm, without the necessity of an order by the board. If the applicant refuses to respond to Mr. Stensby's affidavit, however, we do believe that a board order is appropriate to require such a response.

Very truly yours,

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