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March 19, 1979

The Honorable Joseph Hendrie
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

Re: Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant
Wiscasset, Maine

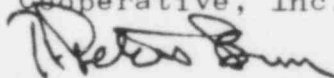
The Fox Islands Electric Cooperative, Inc., purchases whole-sale power from Central Maine Power Company and then distributes that power to a yearly average of 1285 accounts on the Islands of North Haven and Vinalhaven, Maine. We are located about ten miles east of mid-coast Maine and receive power via four single-phase underwater cables.

The Board of Directors is dismayed by the potential economic effect upon our consumers caused by the shut-down of the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. In a prior action, the Board has supported President Carter's anti-inflation guidelines so that actions contrary to holding the line on costs are disturbing. The Board of Directors does not have a nuclear specialist among its members but based upon information available, the shut-down action appears unreasonable.

The Board of Directors of this Cooperative respectfully suggests that you cancel the order to close the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant at Wiscasset, Maine.

Very truly yours,

Fox Islands Electric
Cooperative, Inc.



R. Peters Burr
Vice President

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The Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, United States Senate
The Honorable William S. Cohen, United States Senate
The Honorable David F. Emery, United States House of Representatives

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