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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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To whom it concerns:

I would like to thank the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the opportunity of having a public hearing on the issue of construction of the nuclear power plant, a project of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)

I would like to air my opinion now: do not allow NIPSCO an amendment to their construction permit, now expired, to extend the completion date.

I do not consider myself an anti-nuclear power person. My objection to Billy is its location — on the periphery of

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a National Park that draws numerous visitors at all times of the year. It is also adjacent to a large steel mill that employs many people and within a residential area that includes millions within 25 miles. In the event of any sort of "accident," NIPSCO's responsibility for evacuation only includes those people within 1 1/2 miles of the plant.

The existence of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is, in itself, amazing. The beauty that one finds within its boundaries is awesome; considering its co-existence with major steel-making industries and the Chicago metropolitan area, its beauty must be appreciated all the more. One need not travel a great distance to enjoy the nature and the preserved environment.

Therefore, it is important that such a delicate environment not be further threatened with the Bailey Nuclear Plant.

It does not seem that NIPSCO is being safety-conscious - example: use of shield pipes under the reactor buildings that has been proposed.

Nuclear power may well be an energy alternative; however, the location of the proposed Bailey site is not a wise choice.

Please, I urge you, do not allow NIPSCO's construction permit to be extended.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Robert Squires