

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20655

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Byron Lee, Jr. Executive Vice President Commonwealth Edison Post Office Box 767 Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Byron:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of June 23. I find myself in almost total agreement with the views you express. I am convinced that nuclear power can achieve its full potential and help to meet our nation's energy needs only if there is a continuing dialogue between we regulators and the plant operators. Without a mutually enforcing effort, there will be little more than an adversarial standoff.

I have taken the liberty of passing copies of your letter to each of my colleagues since I think the messages it conveys should be widely heard.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Kennedy