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Mr. Lake Erwin, Manager
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Dear Mr. Erwin:

This is in reply to your letter of November 27, 1979, about licensing of of nuclear power plants.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is committed to protect the public health and safety. The Three Mile Island accident resulted in a need for changes in the approach to safety. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has found that actions recommended by its own staff and by the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island in the areas of human factors, operational safety, emergency planning, nuclear power plant design and siting, health effects, and public information are necessary and feasible.

At this time we are preparing for review and approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission an Action Plan that will specify the precise actions to be taken. This Action Plan will include new or improved safety objectives, detailed criteria for their implementation, and various implementation deadlines. Our goal is to have approved NRC requirements available to all utilities shortly after February 15, 1980.

It is recognized that there will be a significant effect on the availability of power generating capacity if those plants now in the final stages of construction do not receive operating licenses by the dates previously anticipated, and every effort is being made to avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
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Dear Mr. Denton,

The recent ruling of your Commission in freezing the permits to construct and operate nuclear power plants is a great injustice to our utility companies, our economic system, our energy companies and last but not least, you and I as American citizens. Our nation must have more power, and as already proven in other countries and in the United States, the logical and safe way of supplying it is nuclear power.

Millions of dollars are being assessed against our citizens each day this "freeze" is in effect. A sensible lifting of the "freeze" would certainly be a step in the right direction by you and your Commission.

Thank your for your consideration to this request.

Very truly yours,

Lake Erwin, Manager
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