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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Mr. James W. Wilcock
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Dear Mr. Wilcock:

This is in reply to your letter of November 26, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold R. Denton".

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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SUBJECT: Objects to NRC plan to freeze licensing of nuclear plants. Industry has impressive safety record. Economic situation calls for low cost energy sources. More regulation will result in higher prices.

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November 26, 1979

Mr. Harold R. Denton
Director
Nuclear Reactor Regulation Office
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7920 Norfolk Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

Our Company has revenues of approximately \$800,000,000 per year and we are a leading manufacturer of coal mining machinery, oil and gas well drilling equipment, air pollution control equipment and air compressors.

We do practically nothing in the nuclear industry and for this reason, there is no self-interest in my letter.

I would beg you to reconsider the issuance of licenses for seven nuclear units and if necessary, consider each one in turn but greatly accelerate the possibility of putting these into commercial operation.

The cost to the American consumer and the cost of energy we must purchase in place of these units is staggering and represents an enormous added load to the American taxpayer.

As an executive and a citizen, I would only ask that you give this entire action the most careful reconsideration in the hopes that we can do something to minimize, if not partially eliminate, the tremendous energy crisis that faces this country. I am asking this simply on the basis of the welfare of all Americans.

Yours very truly,

James W. Wilcock
Chairman and President

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