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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

As I understand it, on November 5, 1979, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission decided to stop issuing construction permits and operating licenses for nuclear power plants. Again, as I understand it, this freeze is an indefinite freeze and could last as long as two years.

As a sincerely concerned citizen, as an anxious businessman, and as an angry patriot, I wish to express my complete disagreement with this decision.

As a concerned citizen and user of electric power, I wish to be sure that you understand that the skyrocketing cost of electric energy is making a significant dent in my spendable income. By no means am I happy with this prospect, on the other hand being very pragmatic, I fully realize that I cannot enjoy even a close semblance of our current life style without this valuable electric power resource because, quite frankly, I do not know of a reasonable alternative which is significantly safer and in addition is as compatible with our environment.

As an anxious businessman, I am acutely aware of our absolute need for electric power in order to continue the conductance of our business. Literally, without adequate electric power our particular business would be forced to close. Not only would this be disastrous for the three hundred and fifty plus employees of this company, but further more would be crippling to the continuance of the entire service trades throughout the nation who depend upon the availability of our product, or products like it, in order to service their customers. Again, stopping the issuance of construction permits and operating licenses for nuclear power plants will undoubtedly cause serious economical set backs to not only our business, but that of our entire national economy.

As an angry patriot, I wish to express my complete dismay at a governmental regulatory body which appears to have bowed to political pressure in it's decision to discontinue the issuance of these operating and construction permits for nuclear power plants. As I understand it, after the investigation of the Three Mile Island accident, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a statement that each nuclear power plant construction permit for operating license would be reviewed on a plant by plant basis. This not only seemed logical, but totally within the framework of a regulatory commission concerned with the safety of the public. To bow to the ill advised political pressures and to stop the issuance of construction and operating permits on an across the board basis at a time when our national economy is being drained by the OPEC cartel cannot be excused. Not only are we being blackmailed by this cartel to pay exorbitant prices for crude oil, but we now have a governmental regulatory body that appears to be reinforcing their position, whether intentionally or unintentionally, and without good logic and technical facts as a foundation.

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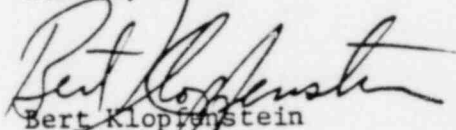
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If, as it has been reported, the Three Mile Island accident was principally, if not entirely caused by a series of personnel errors, then surely a country capable of divising the atomic bomb and sending astronauts to land on the moon and return can train those same operator personnel not to make errors! Where is the new training program for operator personnel of nuclear power plants that it would seem obvious is needed?

At a time when our nation needs electrical power to secure it's vitality, I ask that you reexamine your decision and issue the proper review of training requirements for atomic power plant operating personnel to insure their continued safe operation. Please reverse your decision and continue the issuance of construction and operating permits of nuclear plants on a plant by plant review basis strictly on the merit of their specific operating capabilities and safety.

Very truly yours,

KOENIG, INC.


Bert Klopferstein
President

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