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

Gentlemen:

The 155th legislative district which this office represents borders on the Limerick nuclear plant in Limerick, Pennsylvania. As you know, this plant is extremely close to hundreds of thousands of people and is only 20 miles away from the city of Philadelphia where two million people reside.

In reviewing the preliminary and final reports, I have obtained the impression that whenever your commission had a question in mind, you look to the engineers from Philadelphia Electric and accept their response as a satisfactory reply to your question.

The plant itself is near rail lines, and it seems that now would be the time to urge Philadelphia Electric to convert this operation to coal rather than to nuclear energy. With all of the coal supply in Pennsylvania, it would seem that here would be an imple source of energy for the customers of Philadelphia Electric. It is also my understanding that the Concumer Advocate of Pennsylvania of the last rate request filed by Philadelphia Electric, argued that it would be less expensive to build two smaller coal units and step construction of the nuclear plant rather than continue with the astronomical costs of the nuclear plant.

It would be appreciated if you would review this matter and let me have your thoughts.

E. Raymond Kinch

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cc: Mr. Jim Crater
The Honorable Richard S. Schweiker
The Honorable John H. Heinz, III