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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chilk:

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company hereby expresses its support for the Petition for Rulemaking submitted and filed with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission by Debevoise & Liberman on March 12, 1980. The Commission was petitioned for a deferral in the promulgation of the final interim emergency response planning regulations proposed in the Federal Register 44 FR 75167 (December 19, 1979) and was requested to direct its staff to cease from imposing such proposed regulations and to promptly redraft and republish the proposed emergency plan regulations consistent with the areas identified in the petition's supporting statement. We submit that there is significant justification raised on issues detailed in the petition and its supporting statement to require the Commission to consider this petition in full and not to consider this petition merely as comments on the proposed rule.

We urge the Commission to carefully consider the contents of the petition to ensure that the issues identified and specifically mentioned receive a fair and impartial hearing, as the key issues involved and the subsequent penalties to the licensee for non-compliance are extremely severe.

Very truly yours,

R. S. Hunter
Vice President

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Acknowledged by card. 5/12/80 mdu

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