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Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman, Subcommittee on Fisheries
and Wildlife Conservation
Committee on Merchant Marine
and Fisheries
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Dingell:

This is in reply to your letter to Chairman Seaborg dated March 4, 1971, and the enclosed letter from Mrs. Beatrice K. Eleicher, Attorney for Living In a Finer Environment, Dr. Erwin I. Oster and William E. Reany, regarding the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. The public hearing on the application of the Toledo Edison Company and the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company for a construction permit for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station commenced on December 8, 1970, at Port Clinton, Ohio, and was in process during the periods of December 8-10, 1970, January 5-7, 1971, and January 25-29, 1971. The hearing was resumed on February 8, 1971, and was concluded on February 12, 1971. The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has not yet issued its decision on whether a construction permit should be granted for the plant.

In a letter dated January 7, 1971, the applicants for the construction permit requested the Commission, pursuant to 10 CFR 550.12 of the Commission's regulations, for an exemption from the licensing requirements of 10 CFR 550.10 to allow additional below-grade construction work on the Davis-Besse Station. On January 23, 1971, the Commission deferred further action with respect to the request.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

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Vice-Chief of Regulation

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