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Mr. Harold Price
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Dear Mr. Price:

As intervenors, we are outraged at the request to the Atomic Energy Commission for exemption to construct additional portions of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant. It is not in the public interest to do so until the resolution of the intervenors issues in the construction permit hearings. Our contentions relate directly to structures proposed to be built under exemption. The construction done under the first exemption has already prejudiced people's rights. Further construction under exemption would only enhance this prejudice. This exemption would render the hearing a mockery. To build structures that at the same time are under discussion in the hearings makes the procedure a sham. The large commitments of funds in construction already done by the applicant are certainly going to prejudice the Board's initial decision. A fair public hearing is impossible if such exemptions are made. If the construction permit is denied, then the public will bear the utilities loss in investment of these monies. If this exemption is extended, the hearings will be a mere charade, a mockery of the public interest.

Sincerely,

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