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> In the Matter of The Toledo Edison Company and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station) Docket No. 50-346

Gentlemen:

During the course of the special prehearing conference regarding the captioned matter, held on May 22, 1973, there was some discussion (Tr. 27 -30) of a portion of the comments from the Department of the Interior on an Environmental Statement issued by the regulatory staff regarding a nuclear power plant other than the Davis-Besse facility. Some of this discussion related to the relevance of such comments to the Davis-Besse facility.

It has come to my attention that the Department of Interior submitted a letter containing a similar comment with respect to the Davis-Besse facility. I am enclosing a copy of this letter, dated March 12, 1973 from W.W. Lyons, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to Daniel R. Muller, the Assistant Director for Environmental Projects, Directorate of Licensing of the Commission, commenting upon the Draft Environmental Statement, related to the construction of the Davis-Besse facility, which was issued by the Commission in November, 1972. Inasmuch as this letter was received after publication of the Final Environmental Statement (FES), it is not included in the FES. The letter, of course, was sent to the Washington, D.C., and to the Port Clinton Public Document Rooms upon receipt. However, neither the Board nor the parties have previously been supplied a copy by staff counsel.

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We do not believe that this letter affects the discussion on the record referred to above, nor in anyway affects any of the Board's rulings.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Ltr fm Dept. of Interior, 03/12/73

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