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Honorable Dale Bumpers
Governor of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Governor Bumpers:

The Arkansas Power and Light Company is the holder of Construction Permit No. CPPER-57, issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on December 6, 1968. The construction permit authorizes the licensee to construct a pressurized water nuclear power reactor designated as Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 at the licensee's site in Pope County, Arkansas. The facility is designed for initial operation at approximately 2452 megawatts (thermal).

In accordance with section E.3 of the Commission's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50 (Appendix D), the licensee has furnished to the Commission a written statement of reasons, with supporting factual submission, why the construction permit should not be suspended, in whole or in part, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review. This statement of reasons was furnished to the Commission on October 18, 1971.

The Director of Regulation has considered the licensee's submission in light of the criteria set out in section E.2 of Appendix D, and has determined, after considering and balancing criteria in section E.2 of Appendix D, that construction activities at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 authorized pursuant to CPPER-57 should not be suspended pending completion of the NEPA environmental review.

Further details of this determination are set forth in a document entitled "Discussion and Findings by the Division of Reactor Licensing, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Relating to Consideration of Suspension Pending NEPA Environmental Review of the Construction Permit for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, Docket No. 50-313," copy enclosed.

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A copy of a related notice which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by F. Schroeder *FS*

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Enclosures:

- 1. Discussion & Findings
- 2. Federal Register Notice

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