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LETTER FROM MR. JOHN E. MCLEAN, FWQA, RE PUBLIC MEETING ON THE
POTENTIAL EFFECT OF THE DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON LAKE ERIE

Enclosed is a copy of a letter we recently received from Mr. John E. McLean of the Federal Water Quality Administration concerning a public meeting at which questions regarding the potential effect of the Davis-Besse nuclear power plant on Lake Erie could be publicly aired. This meeting is being organized by SCOPE for August 15, 1970, in Cleveland, and FWQA will be the main participant. SCOPE (Student Council on Pollution and the Environment) is a national and regional organization sponsored by the Department of the Interior. The organization, according to Mr. Dominick, Commissioner of FWQA, is intended to "serve as focal points for organizing student activities aimed at combatting environmental pollution." (Ref. November 1969 Department of the Interior News Release.)

Following the receipt of the letter from FWQA, Chris Henderson received a telephone call from Mr. William Fleming, SCOPE representative in Cleveland, requesting AEC participation. Mr. Fleming indicated that the Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Sport Fisheries, and FWQA had indicated their willingness to participate. He indicated that the Ohio State Water Pollution Control Agency had not responded and he questioned whether they would be in attendance. There apparently are differences between the State agency and SCOPE because the permit for water discharge recently issued by the State of Ohio for this facility was made without a public hearing. Also, they have not heard from Toledo Edison and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, but they have requested the utility's participation.

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Mr. Henderson told Mr. Fleming that there was a prehearing ASLB conference on the Toledo application scheduled for August 15, and a public hearing scheduled probably in the fall. Mr. Fleming was aware of public hearings which would be conducted by an atomic safety and licensing board, but responded that the purpose for their public meeting was to get facts to the public both pro and con on pollution questions. Further, he did not feel that the hearing conducted by the ASLB would cover all the aspects of the environmental problem.

Mr. Henderson told Mr. Fleming that in view of the conflict on August 15, and the public hearing that the AEC would be conducting, he was not certain whether AEC would or would not be able to participate, but he would be in further touch with him.

I would like to discuss this matter at an early Information Meeting.

(Signed) HLP

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Director of Regulation

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1. Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 - Georgia Power Company

788 Mwe BWR, CP Issued September 1969, Commercial Operation planned for June 1973

STATUS: Preliminary safety analysis report for Unit 2 is expected to be filed in September 1970. Three copies of the formal application for Unit 2 were filed in July 1970 prior to an expected ruling on practical value.

2. Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Carolina Power and Light Company

821 Mwe BWR, CP's issued in February 1970, Commercial Operation of Unit 1 planned for March 1974, Unit 2 by March 1976

STATUS: An application for a reduction in containment pressure margin is outstanding. Applicant expects to submit additional information in support of this reduction shortly. Granting of reduced pressure margin is questionable but a decision must await review of information.

3. H. B. Robinson - Carolina Power and Light Company

700 Mwe PWR, CP issued April 1967, Commercial Operation planned November 1970

STATUS: Construction essentially complete. Notice period for issuance of operating license has expired without intervention. Operating license will be issued in the near future for low power operation with certain conditions. Operation above 5 Mw will be authorized on completion of seismic analyses for piping and equipment.

4. Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station - Toledo Edison Company and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

872 Mwe PWR, Application for CP filed August 1969, Commercial Operation planned for December 1974

STATUS: Scheduled for an August ACRS meeting. Public hearing is expected in Fall 1970. Favorable letter has just been issued by State Department of Health on thermal discharge. A local group, SCOPE, sponsored by FWQA, is expected to hold a public meeting on August 15 concerning the failure to hold public hearings on the discharge permits (see attached letter). The AEC has been asked to send representatives. On July 31, the applicant is expected to announce the use of cooling towers instead of once-through cooling.