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Docket No. 50-346

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Honorable Jackson E. Betts
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Betts:

Your letter of September 3, 1970, to Mr. Robert D. O'Neill, has been referred to me for reply. I am pleased to provide information concerning the Toledo Edison Company's proposed Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

As you requested, I am enclosing a list of the members of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) who rendered the Davis-Besse report.

At the present time, a public hearing on the application of the Toledo Edison Company for the Davis-Besse plant is not expected to be held before November 1970. When a Notice of Hearing is issued for the Davis-Besse plant, I will see that a copy of the Notice is forwarded to you. The Notice will be issued at least 30 days prior to the hearing, and will set forth the day, time, and place of the hearing, and the procedures by which a member of the public may participate in the hearing either as a party or by means of a limited appearance. The Notice also will set forth the members of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board who will conduct the hearing.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (copy enclosed), each Federal agency is required to consult with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies concerning major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and to prepare a detailed statement concerning, among other things, the environmental impact of the proposed action. Enclosed is a copy of the statement of general policy which indicates the manner in which the Atomic Energy Commission proposes to exercise its responsibilities under the Act. This policy statement is based upon the Council on Environmental Quality's Interim Guidelines (copy enclosed), and was published for public comment in the Federal Register on June 3, 1970. As the policy statement indicates, the Commission has identified the licensing of nuclear power reactors as one of the actions which would require the preparation of an environmental statement.

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I am enclosing a copy of the environmental report prepared by the Toledo Edison Company for the Davis-Besse plant. A copy of this report has been sent to the Governor of Ohio and the Council on Environmental Quality, and it has been made available for comment by appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies. After the conclusion of the comment period, the regulatory staff will prepare a detailed environmental statement which will include a discussion of any problems or objections raised and the disposition thereof. Copies of the detailed environmental statement will be forwarded to the Council on Environmental Quality and the agencies concerned, and will accompany the application through the Commission's review process, including the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Original signed by G. K. Beck

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

1. List of ACRS Members
2. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
3. AEC Statement of General Policy
4. Council on Environmental Quality's Interim Guidelines
5. Toledo Edison Company's Environmental Report for Davis-Besse

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