

Docket No. 50-346

Honorable Delbert L. Latta House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Latta:

I am pleased to reply to your letter of October 6, 1970, which enclosed a letter from Mr. Marvin Tabbert.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 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. An environmental report has been prepared by the Toledo Edison Company for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. A copy of the report has been sent to the Covernor and the Council on Environmental Quality, and has been made available to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies for comment. 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. A copy of the statement when completed will be forwarded to you.

The Division of Reactor Licensing and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards completed their reviews of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and have concluded the Proposed facility can be constructed with reasonable assurance that it can be operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public. These reviews covered all aspects of the proposed plant design to meet the requirements set forth in 10 CFR Part 20 and 10 CFR Part 100, of the Commission's regulations on matters related to the health and safety of the general public. The results of these reviews are set forth in a Safety Evaluation Report dated November 2, 1970. A copy of this report is enclosed for your information.

On June 4, 1970, The Toledo Edison Company and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (the applicants) requested an exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR 50.10(b) of the Commission's regulations to permit certain below grade construction to be performed prior to issuance of a construction permit.

At our request, the applicants submitted additional information to support the justification of the public need for the Davis-Besse generating capacity and the need for the requested exemption to meet the date of December, 1974 OFFICE.

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for operation of the plant. A copy of the applicant's letter dated August 12, 1970, providing justification of public need for the Davis-Besse generating capacity for the December 1974 predicted energy requirement, is enclosed.

On September 10, 1970, the Atomic Energy Commission granted the exemption pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12. A copy of our letter to the applicants granting the exemption request is also enclosed.

Enclosed are copies of comments provided by the Federal Power Commission and the State of Ohio Department of Health containing additional information on the public need for the electrical capacity of the proposed Davis-Besse plant.

The public hearing to consider the application for the Davis-Besse construction permit will be held on December 8, 1970, in Port Clinton, Ohio.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Marold L. Price Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

- 1. DRL Safety Evaluation Report
- 2. Letter granting Exemption Request
- Toledo Edison ltr. to Mr. H. L. Price dated August 12, 1970
- 4. Federal Power Commission Comments on the Davis-Besse Plant
- State of Ohio Department of Health comments on the Davis-Besse Plant
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Peter A. Morris, Director Division of Reactor Licensing

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