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Mr. Will Fantle  
1231 Ferry Street  
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

Dear Mr. Fantle:

This is in reply to your letter dated March 20, 1980 to Mr. Harold Denton, which expressed displeasure with the manner in which Dairyland Power Cooperative, (DPC), handles important information from interested members of the public involving decisions on the operation of the La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor (LACBWR). You requested that DPC be required to put concerned members of the public on the service list for correspondence addressed to the NRC. You also indicated concern about DPC's cancellation of a meeting to have been held between the NRC staff and DPC representatives.

In regard to your request relating to the service list, 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations requires that licensees serve parties to a proceeding documents and correspondence submitted to the NRC which relate to issues under litigation in that particular proceeding. DPC's January 17, 1980 request to change LACBWR's fuel exposure limits is not being adjudicated. Therefore, the licensee was not required to serve that request on the parties. The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board appointed to the proceeding in progress concerning LACBWR is the proper body to receive any complaints which the representatives for the Coulee Region Energy Coalition (CREC) may wish to make regarding service of the parties to the proceeding.

By Amendment No. 11 dated March 3, 1978, the NRC imposed stringent operating conditions upon LACBWR to limit fuel failure problems experienced earlier with fuel manufactured by the Allis Chalmers Company. These conditions were imposed after an extensive investigation and analysis by the Commission staff. Since the conditions were imposed, no further serious fuel failures have occurred. Due to replacement of the Allis Chalmers fuel at the refueling outages since 1978 with fuel manufactured by the Exxon Company, only a small amount of the Allis Chalmers fuel remains in the core. By Amendments 19 and 20 dated February 4 and May 13, 1980, respectively, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved changes to the Technical Specifications that allow increased fuel depletion but require more restrictive limits on levels of radioactivity in the reactor coolant and off gases. The new more restrictive limits provide added assurance against unacceptable fuel failures.

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We hope that this letter responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
Darrell G. Eisenhut

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director  
Division of Licensing

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