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Honorable John F. Ahearne  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that you are aware of the inquiry being conducted by this Subcommittee into various issues relating to the construction of nuclear power plants with particular emphasis upon the construction of the South Texas Nuclear Project. The Subcommittee will conduct its first hearing on this subject on Tuesday, July 29, 1980, and your testimony will be very much appreciated at that time. It is my understanding that this date is acceptable to you and that the logistics for your appearance and your testimony have been discussed between our staffs.

Obviously, the Subcommittee will be interested in testimony concerning the role of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission throughout the construction of the South Texas Project, including the recent Notice of Violation and Order to Show Cause issued against the licensee, Houston Lighting and Power Company. In addition, we are interested in the generic problems which this project and others may illustrate with respect to the construction of a nuclear power plant, including the different forms of project management employed by utilities in the construction of a plant and the pros and cons associated with those various structures. We will want to include a discussion of the proper organizational structure whereby quality assurance and quality control programs are to be carried out. Further, we would appreciate receiving from you any information which you may be able to provide the Subcommittee concerning the ability of nuclear power plant constructors to attract qualified craftsmen and any problems that they might face in that regard.

The hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29th. We will appreciate receiving your testimony as well as that of your Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Mr. Victor Stello. I should add that we would also welcome the appearance of any or all of your fellow commissioners should they desire to appear. The rules of the Committee require that each witness

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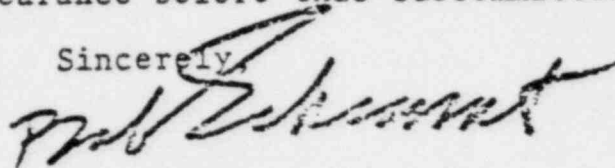
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file with the Committee, at least two working days in advance of his appearance, fifty copies of his proposed testimony. We ask that you comply with this rule. Should you have any questions concerning your appearance or testimony please feel free to contact Subcommittee counsel Patrick McLain at 225-4441.

I look forward to your appearance before this Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Bob Eckhardt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on  
Oversight and Investigations

cc: Commissioner Joseph M. Hendrie  
Commissioner Victor Gilinsky  
Commissioner Peter A. Bradford  
Mr. Victor Stello ✓