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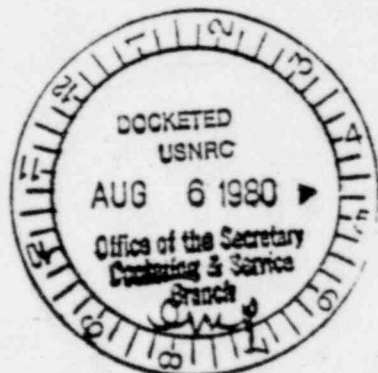
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WE ARE UTTERLY DISMAYED AT THE ACTION OF THE NRC YESTERDAY IN REFUSING TO GRANT VETCOS NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR UNIT #2 A LICENSE FOR FULL POWER OPERATION. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL TESTS ON THE UNIT HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AND THAT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING SAFETY ISSUES. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THE COMPLETION OF AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE IS AN EXISTING LICENSING REQUIREMENT, TO KEEP THE NORTH ANNA UNIT OFF THE LINE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IN TIMES OF A NATIONAL ENERGY CRISIS AND DURING THE HOTTEST SUMMER IN YEARS IS A TOTALLY UNWARRANTED ECONOMIC BURDEN AND A POWER SHORTAGE RISK FOR CONSUMERS. IT IS AN ABDICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND DOES NOT SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST. WE URGE THAT NRC RECONSIDER YESTERDAYS ACTION PROMPTLY.

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DEAR CHAIRMAN AHEARNE:

I AM WRITING TO REQUEST THAT YOU CONVENE THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE NRC STAFF RECOMMENDATION THAT VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE THE NORTH ANNA II NUCLEAR POWER UNIT IN LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

THE NEWS OF INACTION BY THE COMMISSION ON THIS RECOMMENDATION AT ITS THURSDAY MEETING HAS CAUSED ME GRAVE CONCERN. IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE FAILURE OF THE COMMISSION TO PERMIT NORTH ANNA II OPERATIONS WILL IMPOSE A HEAVY, NEW FINANCIAL BURDEN ON MORE THAN 3 MILLION VIRGINIANS. MOREOVER, IN MY JUDGEMENT, IT COULD THREATEN THE SUFFICIENCY OF ENERGY SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH AND IN NEIGHBORING STATES DURING THE REMAINDER OF AN UNUSUALLY HOT SUMMER, ONE THAT ALREADY HAS TAXED GENERATING CAPACITIES TO SAFE LIMITS.

YOUR FAILURE TO ACT FAVORABLY ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THURSDAY WILL ADD \$3000,000 TO VEPCO'S AVERAGE, DAILY GENERATING COSTS DURING AUGUST, THE PERIOD DURING WHICH NORTH ANNA II COULD BE BROUGHT TO FULL OPERATION. THIS WILL ADD \$9 MILLION TO VEPCO'S GENERATING COSTS THIS MONTH. THE EVENTUAL ADDITIONAL COST OF DELAYING FULL OPERATION BY ONE MONTH WILL BE \$12 TO \$15 MILLION. THE PASS THROUGH OF THESE COSTS TO CUSTOMERS IS INEVITABLE. THUS, YOUR INACTION HAS THE FULL EFFECT OF A REGULATORY DECISION TO PERMIT THE COMPANY TO INCREASE ITS RATES BY THESE AMOUNTS.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this
6th day of Aug 1990.

Dennis T. Downing
Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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