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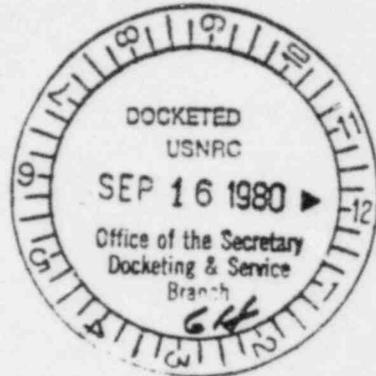
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The Honorable John F. Ahearne
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20555



Dear Mr. Chairman:

While I recognize that events of the last year have resulted in regulatory and other changes concerning nuclear power plant construction and operation, it is absolutely imperative that these changes be incorporated into the decision-making process at the earliest possible time, and that increased development of this important source of domestic energy proceed as soon as possible.

Several actions could be taken which would insure the orderly and reasonable development of nuclear power, particularly with regard to procedural aspects of the regulatory process. In particular, it is my understanding that Houston Lighting and Power Company has tried for three years to get a hearing on a Construction Permit for its Allens Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, without success.

Failure of the Commission to begin hearings on this matter has resulted in a delay in the planned completion date of this project from 1985 to 1988. Furthermore, each year of delay raises the total cost of the project more than \$100 million, a cost which will be borne by the Houston area's consumers of electric power.

I respectfully urge that the Commission give this matter prompt attention and that it recommend that the Licensing Board take immediate action to institute long-overdue formal hearings on this matter.

I appreciate the opportunity to present my views on this most critical issue. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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