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The Honorable Tom Bevill, Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your letter of February 17, 1931 and during our subsequent appearance before your Subcommittee on February 19, 1981, you expressed deep concern for the operating icense delays as described in our January 30 report to the Subcommittee.

Your specific direction to the Commission was to prepare a report identifying any and all steps, within existing law, which the Commission could take to accelerate the reviews and granting of operating licenses.

The Commission and Staff have been working diligently to examine the issue and produce viable recommendations to mitigate the impact of the present forecast delay. It is requested that the Commission be granted a one week extension to submit its report, COB March 12, in order to more fully explore additional approaches to potential solutions to licensing problems.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director

Office of Congressional Affairs

cc: Rep. John Myers