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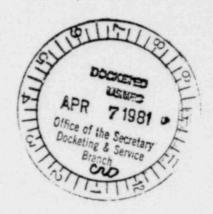
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Mr. Carlton Kammerer, Director Office of Congressional Affairs Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.





Very truly yours,

Richard Bolling
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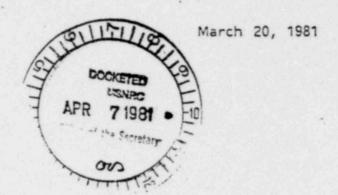
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Honorable Richard Bolling House of Representatives 2365 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Bolling:



About a year ago we brought to your attention the potential delay by the NRC in processing an Operating License for our Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Unit. Since then, due in part to our perceived NRC delay and in part to construction delays, the scheduled fuel load date for Wolf Creek has been deferred six months to April 1983 and the commercial date of operation has been deferred 12 months to April 1984.

As indicated by the attached letter dated February 17, 1981, from the Chairman of the Atomic Industrial Forum to the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, it appears that our concern about the potential NRC delay was and is warranted. We are now concerned that the impact of the current NRC backlog in processing operating licenses will trigger delays in the 1983-84 period unless significant changes are made promptly in NRC procedures and caseload assignments. It is our understanding that the NRC's license review program is now bogged down, under-staffed and will result in completed plants costing some \$2 billion each to remain idle pending NRC's Staff reviews. This is a disservice to the public, for each year of delay adds some \$250 million of carrying charges to the completed cost of each plant. Those additional costs must be borne by electric ratepayers. During the delay, required electric energy must be generated, in part, by our scarce fossil fuels--oil and natural gas.

On behalf of the public we serve, I ask your help, as a member of Congress, to require NRC to expedite its licensing of nuclear power plants, particularly the operating licenses for completed plants, so that our Missouri and Kansas customers will not have to pay a dear price for any NRC delay in licensing Wolf Creek for the 1983-84 startup.

Very truly yours,

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