

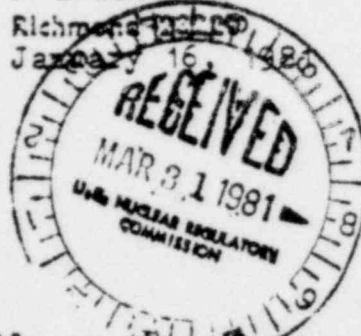


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Dear Senator Warner:

I have your flyer which tells me that you now a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. This opens the way as an excuse for me to bother you on the following.

On December 15, I asked the Department of Energy what they were doing about getting TMI One back on line, which has been idle ever since the TMI Two accident. They did not bother to answer, but sent the letter to NRC. NRC's Clare Mills advises me (December 19) that the D of E has no jurisdiction over the licensing of nuclear units - which is hardly any news to me, knowing as I do of the dictatorial status of the NRC. I am told further that "the Commission determined by orders (their own orders, no doubt)" a year and a half ago that a public hearing would be held before a decision would be made to allow the restart of TMI One. And I suppose another year and a half must pass before action is taken on the hearing.....

But to get to the point. Will YOU ask D of E what they are doing about TMI One back on line? By my figures, that unit can displace a quarter of a billion dollars of foreign oil per year. Worth a little trouble to get behind NRC and shove, I would think. If D of E takes two pages to explain why they are doing nothing, give them hell. The least they can do is to build a constituency - an activity at which bureaucrats are adept, I believe - to support nuclear energy.

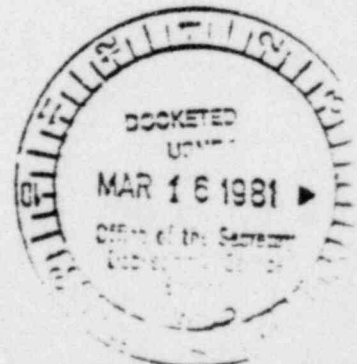
Herewith is a Xerox of the New England Electric System quarterly report. Note the part about "negotiating" for a coal plant for 4½ years. (Brayton Point at Somerset, just north of Fall River.) I wonder if administrative Washington takes the energy crisis seriously. Maybe they view it as an opportunity - like some National Guard non-coms saw WWII as a chance to become staff Colonels.

Yours in sorrow and despair,

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