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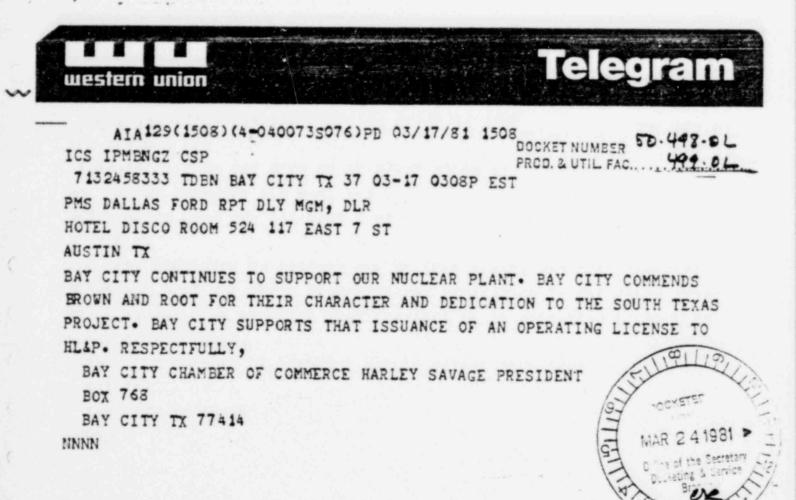
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STATEMENT BY THE NORTH SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION MARCH 18, 1981 AUSTIN, TEXAS

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC, I AM BILL ASHLEY, MANAGER OF COM-MUNICATIONS OF THE NORTH SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE POSITION OF THE NORTH SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING THE LICENSING OF THE SOUTH TEXAS NUCLEAR PROJECT.

THE CHAMBER REPRESENTS 1,100 SAN ANTONIO AREA BUSINESSES EMPLOYING MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. OUR CONCERN WITH THE PROJECT IS PRIMARILY ITS ECONOMIC IMPACT. IN BRIEF, THE CHAMBER SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF OUR LOCAL UTILITY, CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD, AND ITS THREE PARTNERS IN THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, TO PROVIDE ITS CUSTOMERS WITH THE LOWEST COST ELEC-TRICITY POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT WILL BE THE BEST NEAR-TERM SOLUTION TO MEETING THIS CONCERN.

SAN ANTONIO IS, BY PRELIMINARY CENSUS BUREAU FIGURES RELEASED MARCH 6, 1981, THE NATION'S NINTH LARGEST CITY. ITS THREE-COUNTY SMSA (BEXAR, GUADALUPE, COMAL COUNTIES) CONTAINS 1,070,245 PEOPLE, A 20.5% INCREASE OVER 1970. WE'RE GROWING ALSO COMMERCIALLY AND INDUSTRIALLY. THIS GROWTH INDICATES THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL POWER GENERATION TO ASSURE THAT EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMY CAN KEEP PACE WITH POPULATION GROWTH. ADDITIONALLY, A COMPARISON . STATEMENT BY THE NORTH SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARCH 18, 1981 PAGE 2

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WITH OTHER AVAILABLE OR POSSIBLE POWER GENERATION FACILITIES INDICATES THE SOUTH TEXAS PLANT WILL BE THE MOST ECONOMICAL SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY FOR OUR CITIZENS.

WE URGE THE BOARD TO GRANT THE OPERATING LICENSE SO THAT SAN ANTONIO CAN BEGIN TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF ITS INVESTMENT IN THE PLANT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. STATEMENT TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION March 17, 1981 By John Kelly

My name is John Kelly. I am a retired physicist and a resident of Austin.

I urge that you look with favor upon the application for licensing of the South Texas Nuclear Project.

I have made an analysis of the five most frequently mentioned objections to the project and have concluded that each of the concerns is either unwarranted or unfounded.

In brief summary, while Austin has adequate generating capacity for the present, it will not by the 1990s, particularly in light of restrictions on the use of natural gas for that time. It takes 8-12 years to build new generating plants so Austin will need the additional capacity provided by its interest in the STP.

The consruction costs of the STP have exceeded everyone's estimates. Because of this, many argue the electric power generated will be too costly to use. This simply is not true. Even with the construction cost overruns, by the late 1980s the electric power from the STP will cost only about 67 percent of the price for electricity generatd by burning coal, and 25 percent of that from natural gas.

The opinion has been expressed that Austin can meet its energy needs through conservation and does not need the STP. Austin already has an impressive record of conserving electric energy. Clearly, further restrictions on the use of electricity carry with it considerable risk of impacting negatively on the Austin economy.

Solar energy has been advocated as an alternative to the STP. Solar energy is important and must be utilized. However, the operations performed best by solar energy-heating water and space-are largely done in Austin with energy sources other than electricity. Last year, only 2.2 percent of our electric output went into heating. Obviously solar power is not going to displace much of the need for electric generating capacity in Austin.

There is always concern for safety with nuclear power. I can only reiterate that which has been said so often. Nuclear power operations have not resulted in any deaths by radiation in nearly a quarter century of operation. This is an unequalled safety record. Numerous detailed studies show that nuclear power is among the safest sources of energy when compared with the black lung problems asociated with coal, explosions with natural gas and fires with oil-fueled generating plants.

Austin needs the STP.

Please consider this in your deliberations on the license application.