



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555  
March 18, 1981

Mr. Allen B. Colwell  
126 F Street, SW  
Ephrata, Washington 98823

Dear Mr. Colwell:

This is in reply to your letter of March 5, 1981, to Commissioner John F. Ahearne expressing your concern about the costs associated with delays in placing nuclear power plants in operation.

Enclosed is a statement of March 13, 1981, by Chairman Joseph M. Hendrie on steps being taken by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to solve the problem of delays in licensing nuclear power plants. Chairman Hendrie stated his confidence that the actions taken and those to be taken will provide major improvements in licensing schedules without compromising the regulatory requirements for safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. J. Carter for".

Gary G. Zech, Chief  
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Enclosure:  
As stated



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