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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

attn: Joseph Hendrie, Acting Chairman

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge that the proposed NRC rule change curtailing the role played by the public in the plant licensing procedure not be adopted.

As a citizen who finds very little opportunity even under the present rules to in any way affect the licensing outcome (it seems a foregone conclusion that any utility applying for a license will eventually get one), I am opposed to speeding up licensing at the expense of citizen input. Twenty-five days is not sufficient for citizens' intervenors to determine the information needed. And if the NRC is at all sincere in claiming that decisions can be changed by intervenors' contentions, then it is important that the commission supply relevant supporting data, and protect the intervenors' part in the proceedings by not allowing motions for dismissal of contentions to be made at any time.

Often, citizens feel powerless to in any way influence what happens to them. I urge that citizen involvement be not even further curtailed through the adoption of the proposed rule change.

Sincerely,

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