



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

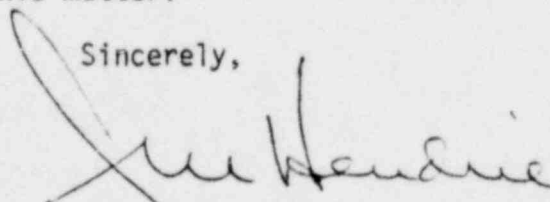
The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has prepared the enclosed response to your March 16, 1981 letter concerning the requirements of Section 303 of Public Law 96-295 for reporting the direct and indirect costs of issuing licenses and permits for, and inspections of, nuclear power plants.

On April 6, 1981, we wrote you on this matter and indicated that we would provide you with explicit answers to your questions by mid-May 1981. Standard definitions of direct cost, indirect cost and other terms germane to the calculation of licensing costs are included as Attachment 1 to our response. Each NRC office, board and panel performing activities related to the process of licensing reactors contributed information which is reflected in the cost figures you requested. The costs which we have provided in response to your questions are best estimates based upon the most recent budget and cost information available. They have not been subject to the analysis and review which was done in developing the existing 1978 license fee schedule. The Commission has tasked the Executive Director to reassess the costs of licensing and inspection by August 31, 1981 and provide the Commission with a proposed adjustment of the fee schedule using current rates to cover more completely the agency cost of licensing and inspection.

Subsequent discussions with your staff have indicated the desire for additional information on how the NRC develops fees charged for licensing purposes. This information is enclosed as Attachment 2.

We hope these answers are responsive to your needs. Please let us know if you have any further questions on this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Hendrie

Enclosures:
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