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The Honorable Joseph Hendrie Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This regards the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's response to the requirements of Section 303 of Public Law 96-295.

As you know, Section 303 requires the Commission to include in its annual report to the Congress a statement of:

"the direct and indirect costs to the Commission for the issuance of any license or permit and for the inspection of any facility."

Section 303 also requires that information be included in the annual report regarding the fees paid for the issuance of any license or permit and for the inspection of any facility.

On February 2, 1981 a copy of the final draft of the NRC annual report was provided to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Based upon the information contained in the final draft of that report, we do not believe that the Commission has adequately fulfilled the requirements of Section 303. We ask, therefore, that the Commission respond to the following questions by March 28, 1981.

- 1) During FY 1980, what has been the total cost to the NRC for reviewing reactor construction permit applications? What is the current estimated costs of an NRC construction permit review, including all costs incurred prior to construction permit issuance?
- 2) During FY 1980, what has been the total cost to the NRC for reviewing reactor operating license applications? What is the current estimated cost of an NRC operating license review, including all costs incurred prior to operating license issuance?

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- 3) During FY 1980, what was the total cost to the NRC for inspections of nuclear power plants under construction?
- 4) During FY 1980, what was the total cost to the NRC for inspections of operating nuclear plants?
- 5) During FY 1980, what was the total cost to the NRC for inspections of vendors and contractors (including Nuclear Steam Supply System manufacturers, Architect & Engineering firms, Fuel Suppliers, Component Suppliers, and ASME Vendors)?
- 6) For each expenditure of NRC funds enumerated in questions 1-5 above, how much revenue has been recovered by the Federal government?

We would appreciate your cooperation on this matter, and look forward to a prompt response.

Sincerely,

MORRIS K. UDALL

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