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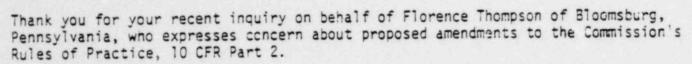
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The Honorable Arlen Specter
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Specter:



The proposed changes, designed to expedite the hearing process for the licensing of nuclear power plants, are now under consideration by the Commission. Over 600 public comments were received on the draft proposals.

It is expected that Commission action, including significant modifications in the amendments as originally proposed, will be taken in the next several weeks. The final changes will be published in Federal Register.

Sincerely.

Carlton Kammerer, Director Office of Congressional Affairs



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Respectfully referred to:

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

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Senator Specker:

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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, - C. 20555

attn: Joseph Hendrie, Acting Chairman

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge that the proposed NEC 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 sufficent for citizens intervenors to determine the information needed. And if the NEC 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 project 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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