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Secretary of the Commission U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

> Re: In the Matter of Commonwealth Edison Co. Byron Station (Units No. 1 and No. 2)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On January 14 we wrote to you on behalf of the Rockford League of Women Voters concerning an extension of time to file comments on a draft Environmental Impact Statement. At that time we were unaware as to the status of the Board's ruling on our Petition for Reconsideration. That Petition for Reconsideration has been denied and the matter is now on appeal before the Appeal Board.

Accordingly, we renew our request for a period of 90 days after a decision by the Appeal Board to file comments on the Byron draft Environmental Impact Statement.

A copy of our January 14, 1982 letter is enclosed for your information.

Respectfully,

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Attorney for the Rockford League of Women Voters

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> Re: In the Matter of Commonwealth Edison Co. Byron Station (Units No. 1 and No. 2)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is our understanding that the time for filing comments in connection with the Byron Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Docket Nos. 50-454 and 50-455) is due January 18, 1982.

As you may know, the Rockford League of Women Voters has intervened in the Byron docket and in the context of that docket contemplated making, in the ordinary course of that litigation, comments to the environmental submissions by the Staff. Under such circumstances and based on prior practice it would have been redundant separately for the League to have filed comments with your office.

However, the League has been subjected to a Licensing Board decision which terminated its rights as an intervenor, which decision is presently subject to a Petition for Reconsideration by the Licensing Board. If the Licensing Board grants the Petition for Reconsideration then the League's rights with respect to the Environmental Impact Statement will be protected in the hearing process. However, if the Licensing Board does not do so (or if the Appeal Board on appeal does not reverse the Licensing Board), the League may wish to make comments to you concerning the Environmental Impact Statement.

Accordingly, in order to avoid duplicative work, we ask that you extend the time for filing comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement until a reasonable period after the Licensing Board grants the Petition for Reconsideration (we suggest 90 days), or in the event that the Licensing Board fails to grant the Petition for Reconsideration until a reasonable period of time after the Appeal Board has heard that matter.

We appreciate your consideration and we will keep you advised.

Respectfully,

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