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The Honorable David Boren
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Boren:

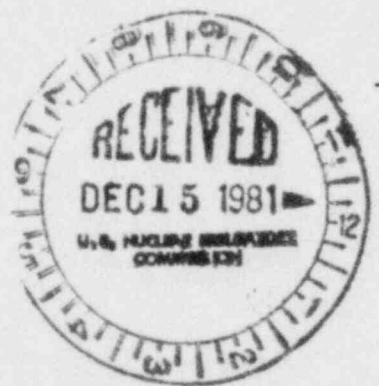
Thank you for your letter on behalf of Thomas Atwater of Lawton, Oklahoma, concerning a proposed rule under consideration by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which would eliminate requirements for financial qualifications review of utility applicants prior to licensing.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, gives the NRC discretion to decide what financial qualifications are appropriate for a utility before it is granted a license to build or operate a nuclear power plant. The Commission believes that its existing financial qualifications review has done little to identify substantial health and safety concerns at nuclear power plants. Consequently, on August 19, 1981, it published proposed regulations to eliminate current financial qualifications review and findings and to solicit comments regarding the type of NRC review that would focus effectively on financial considerations that might have an adverse impact on safety.

The comment period on the proposed rule expired on October 19, 1981. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so. The comments of Mr. Atwater will be considered along with others received. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the Federal Register notice soliciting comment on the proposed rule. I hope that this information is helpful in responding to your constituents.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs



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