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The Honorable Frank Annunzio
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Annunzio:

Your letter of August 17, 1982, to Mr. Carlton Kammerer, Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, has been directed to this office for reply. In your letter, you requested that we respond to a letter from your constituent, Mr. Michael Lavinio, who urges NRC approval of licenses for six (6) nuclear reactors under construction by Commonwealth Edison Company in Northern Illinois.

In responding to your request, let me apprise you of the background of the La Salle County Station, Units 1 and 2; Byron Station, Units 1 and 2; and Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2. With regards to La Salle, Unit 1, a full power operating license was issued on August 13, 1982, with a license condition limiting the power to 50 percent until an independent review is completed assuring us that the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) Systems for La Salle are installed in accordance with the design. Allegations have been made by former employees of the subcontractor who installed the HVAC systems at La Salle indicating poor workmanship. La Salle, Unit 1 is presently performing its startup program, and this independent review is projected to be completed prior to the plant having the need to exceed 50 percent power. La Salle, Unit 2 is presently still under construction, and Commonwealth Edison has indicated that it will be ready to load fuel by April 1983. We are proceeding with our review not to impact this date.

Our operating license review of Byron Station, Units 1 and 2 is nearly completed. Our Safety Evaluation Report related to the operation of Byron was issued in February 1982. The Byron hearings are scheduled to begin March 1983. Commonwealth Edison's current dates for fuel load are as follows: Byron, Unit 1 - August 1983 and Byron Unit 2 - March 1984.

Our review of Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, is scheduled to be completed consistent with Commonwealth Edison's fuel load dates: Braidwood, Unit 1 - April 1985 and Braidwood, Unit 2 - March 1986. We plan to issue the Braidwood Safety Evaluation Report in December 1983 and hearings are scheduled to begin October 1984.

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We place great importance on completion of our safety evaluations and adjudicatory proceedings prior to the completion of plant construction. As noted above, our reviews on the six plants of Commonwealth Edison, mentioned by Mr. Lavinio, are proceeding on a schedule which will prevent delay of initial operation of these plants.

We trust that you will find these comments useful in reply to your constituent on this matter.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehm

for William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

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See attached correction

The Honorable Frank Annunzio
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

respond to a letter from your constituent, Mr. Michael Lavinio who urges NRC approval of six licenses for two nuclear reactors in Northern Illinois under construction by Commonwealth Edison Company

Your letter of August 17, 1982, to Mr. Carlton Kammerer, Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, has been directed to this office for reply. In your letter, you requested that we consider Mr. Michael Lavinio, a constituent of yours, desiring for getting the N.R.C. to approve the various licensing for Commonwealth Edison Company to have its six (6) new reactors on the system in Northern Illinois, that we give our most thorough consideration on this matter, and that we let you know on his behalf the status of action.

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We ~~have placed~~ ^{place} great importance to ~~completing~~ ^{in completion of} our reviews prior to plants ~~being ready for operation~~ ^{safety evaluations and adjudicatory proceedings} and are making every effort in order that the NRC is not the pacing item. As noted above, our reviews on ~~all of the~~ ^{completion of plant construction} six (6) plants of Commonwealth Edison, indicated by Mr. Lavinio, are proceeding on schedule, ~~commensurate to when the plants will be ready to operate.~~ ^{which will prevent delay of initial operation of these plants}

We trust that you will find these comments useful in reply to your constituent on this matter.

Sincerely,

William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

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Incoming: Rep Frank Annunzio, Const Ref

From: Michael Lavinio

To: OCA Date 8/17/82

Subject: expresses his support for getting the NRC to approve the var lic x for Commonwealth Edison Company to have its 6 new reactors on the system in Northern Ill

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