

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

November 2, 1982

Joseph M. Mason Secretary, District Board Southern Ohio District Church of the Brethren 6987 Union Road Clayton, Ohio 45315

In the Matter of
Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company, et al.
(William H. Zimmer Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1)
Docket No. 50-358

Dear Mr. Mason:

I have been requested to respond to your recent letter to Chairman Palladino in which you express concern regarding the Zimmer Nuclear Power Station at Moscow, Ohio, approximately 60 miles from Dayton. You suggest that the local views of the community should be heard regarding the facility and that there should be public hearings before any licensing action is taken with regard to the facility.

The Commission's regulations provide for public participation in its licensing process. In fact, as part of the Commission's licensing process to date with regard to the Zimmer facility, more than eight weeks of public hearings have been held in Cincinnati during which those groups raising admissible issues were afforded the opportunity to submit evidence. In addition, 127 citizens appeared at those hearings and made limited appearances expressing their views. Many other public meetings have been held by NRC and other groups, both to inform the public and to obtain their views. For example, NRC Region III Administrator, James Keppler, conducted an open meeting regarding Zimmer at the Americana Hotel in Covington, Kentucky, on October 19, 1982. That meeting was well attended by the news media and local citizenry. In addition, Commissioner Asselstine addressed a meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of the City of Cincinnati on September 16, 1982. Thus, the Commission has clearly provided for public input and public hearings concerning the licensing of the Zimmer facility.

As you may know, one of the parties which participated in the public hearings, Miami Valley Power Project, is currently seeking to reopen the public hearings

to consider Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company's quality assurance program during construction of the Zimmer facility. This question is pending before the Commissioners and they have not issued any decision.

Sincerely,

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Guy H. Cunningham, III Executive Legal Director

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