



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

CHAIRMAN

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Mr. James E. Tribble
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Tribble:

Thank you for your comments of February 9, 1983 regarding the Commission's program on legislation and backfitting. I understand your expressed preference for dealing with backfitting as a more immediate issue than legislation and offer the following explanation.

Work on the Commission's legislative package began in late 1981. As this work extended well into 1982, a schedule was developed with a view toward presenting the package to Congress in late January or early February of 1983. Meeting this schedule was necessary to assure that Congress would have an adequate opportunity to give full consideration to the proposed legislation.

Regarding the backfit process, the Regulatory Reform Task Force has proposed a substantial revision of Commission policy and regulations. The next meeting at which the Commission will take this matter up will be held at 1717 H St., Washington, DC on March 1, 1983. This will be an open Commission meeting. For your information and convenience I am enclosing a copy of that backfit proposal. I believe you will find that it addresses many of the concerns set out in your letter of February 9.

The Commission intends to consider formulation of a policy statement and proposed rule over the next few months. Our deliberations will be in public sessions, and my hope is that the Commission will offer proposals for public comment and will ultimately adopt reforms. I encourage your continuing interest and comment on our activities in this area.

Sincerely,

Nunzio J. Palladino

Enclosure:
As stated

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BACKFIT - PROPOSED RULE AND POLICY STATEMENT

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