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Marshall E. Miller, Esq.  
Administrative Judge  
Atomic Safety & Licensing Board  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington D. C.

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Re: COMMENT UNDER 10 CFR 2.715, CONSTRUCTION PERMIT PROCEEDING,  
CLINCH RIVER BREEDER REACTOR, DOCKET 50-537.

Gentlemen:

The undertaking of licensing the Clinch River Breeder Reactor is a disquieting one to this private citizen. This reactor system is currently one of a kind. As a citizen Intervenor in the Allens Creek construction permit proceeding (of which I am happy to say Mr. Gustave Linnenberger was a member of that panel) I heard of many problems and many "fixes" that went into a "standard" General Electric boiling water reactor. Allens Creek was to be perhaps the thirtieth boiling water slated for construction, and nature had grudgingly yielded secrets of the design.

Here, the Board and parties will hopefully be able to reach these problems before they occur thus producing a safe operating record. I personally criticize the Applicant for pursuit of the Clinch River plant when the evidence is scant for its need. But, this aside, there is so little prior experience with the breeder reactor design compared with the boiling water reactor design, that the burden is heavy on those who would have this project go forth.

(Please circulate this statement to those on the project service list, and place a copy in the record of the proceeding. Thank you.)

Sincerely,

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