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Honorable Judge Ivan Smith,

I have very deep concerns regarding the licensing & opening of the Bison plant. For 2 years I have felt opposition to the plant. Back in January when Com. Ed was denied a license I breathed a sigh of relief. I thought this was to be a "final ruling" on the whole matter. I can not believe that the N.R.C. would ever issue a license to a plant that is still so obviously defective. years of bad construction couldn't be dealt with in the short time since Bison was denied its license back in Jan. My question is "What about all of the construction problems that are buried beneath the surface and cannot any longer be re-inspected?" Perhaps many problems are sealed up and so far beneath the surface, they couldn't be detected until it was already too late and they caused an accident.

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I believe the concerns many of us have are warranted. Byron hasn't been quite "right" from the start, that is public knowledge, ~~the~~ newspapers carried articles all across the country concerning the shoddy workmanship at the plant. Many of us are aware of what we'd be up against if that plant were to go into operation. Our health, perhaps our very lives would be in jeopardy. As a wife and mother my concerns are justified!

I would like to see the N.R.C. review this whole matter in depth concerning the views of all of us who oppose the licensing and operation of this plant. Also, and very importantly the Board should listen to the concerns of the workers from the plant who wish to testify. These employees have legitimate concerns and if they care enough about people's lives that they hope to prevent a possible catastrophe by speaking up now (before a problem presents itself) then they should be heard. I ask you please to let them

2/ Be heard before the Board. If the  
N.R.C. Board denies them the opportunity  
to testify think what it will do to  
our Confidence in the N.R.C. Board?

We want to trust that you are con-  
-cerned and wish to protect the health  
+ safety of all people in this area.

We feel that the Byron plant is  
being put on line for the convenience  
of the utility. They have received  
so many rate hikes (five within a  
7 year period) which leads us all to  
believe that there is a real financial  
problem with Commonwealth Edison.

I don't believe the Byron plant is  
even necessary. I ask you please to  
consider the risks to the people + our  
environment, Is it really worth  
the cost of putting a defective plant  
on line and putting thousands of  
peoples lives in jeopardy? →

We have no confidence in the re-  
inspection program. Too much has  
been covered up now and we have no  
assurance that the plant could ever  
be safe enough to operate!

I've talked to lots of people who  
do express concern, and many  
perhaps just don't even want to  
think about the dangers a faulty  
plant could pose on them + the  
environment. Once the contamination  
is released into the environment it  
would be years before it would be  
considered safe, to say nothing  
of the lives that could be lost, and  
the epidemic of cancer which would  
follow.

Committee with Edison has been  
careless in their attempts to get even  
more plants on line and operating.

We need assurances from the  
N.R.C. Board that we will be safe  
from the dangers that plant would impose.

We can only be assured of that if  
the plant doesn't get their license.

Sincerely Arlene Fozzolski