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Dear Administrative Judges:

As State Senator from the Rockford District, I wish to thank you for the resolve that you have shown in ensuring the health and safety of the community.

Your decision to withhold the licensing of the Byron facility until all the safety issues were resolved showed great courage.

Northern Illinois once enjoyed cheap and plentiful electricity; but, because of costly construction practices permitted in our area, electric costs have increased, adversely affecting the economic well-being of the community.

I'm concerned that the rate structure of Illinois gives the utilities an incentive to rush plants on line before the energy needs have been assessed or safety concerns are met. Even the Illinois Commerce Commission is beginning to take a more critical look at constant rate hike requests.

My main concern is with the NRC staff's statements in this proceeding. The NRC staff has indicated that, contrary to public statements, there were no problems at the facility. It is my hope that an open discussion of any additional safety concerns can take place to resolve the concerns of the public as to the safety of the Byron plant.

Sincerely,

Joyce Holmberg

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State Senator
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