



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

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JUN 10 1992

The Honorable Carmen Buell  
Massachusetts House of Representatives  
2nd Franklin District  
113 Beacon Street  
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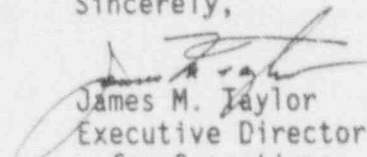
Dear Ms. Buell:

I am responding to your letter of May 22, 1992, to Chairman Selin in which you stated that you opposed the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval of the transfer of the Seabrook license to Northeast Utilities (NU). In your letter, you indicated your prime concern was the financial impact of the merger on Western Massachusetts Electric Company ratepayers. In addition, you expressed a concern regarding the effect on nuclear safety.

The primary concern of the NRC, as described in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, is the protection of the public health and safety, and the environment with respect to nuclear materials and usage thereof. The NRC has reviewed the merger for public safety, environmental impact, and antitrust considerations and we approved the merger because we concluded that public safety, environmental impact and antitrust considerations were satisfactorily addressed. Our review and conclusion are documented in the accompanying safety evaluations to the two merger-related license amendments issued May 29, 1992. Copies of these two merger-related license amendments and their accompanying safety evaluations are enclosed for your information.

The regulation of utility electric rates and rate increases generally comes under the purview of State public utilities commissions and Federal agencies such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. Jerry Milbourne, Deputy Director, Office of Electric Power Regulation at FERC. I suggest that you contact Mr. Milbourne directly regarding rates. The address is as follows: Mr. Jerry Milbourne, Deputy Director, Office of Electric Power Regulation, c/o Executive Secretariat, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 N. Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20406. Mr. Milbourne may be reached at (202) 208-0502.

Sincerely,

  
James M. Taylor  
Executive Director  
for Operations

Enclosures:

1. Seabrook License Amendment No. 10
2. Seabrook License Amendment No. 11

cc w/enclosures:

Mr. Jerry Milbourne, FERC

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FROM: DUE: 06/09/92

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FINAL REPLY:

Carmen Buell  
Massachusetts State Representative

TO:  
Chairman Selin

FOR SIGNATURE OF: \*\* GRN \*\*  
Executive Director

CRC NO: 92-0447

DESC: CONCERNS RE NORTHEAST UTILITIES' TAKEOVER OF  
PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ROUTING:  
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Sniezek  
Thompson  
Blaha  
T Martin, RI  
Kammerer, SP

DATE: 05/27/92

ASSIGNED TO: NRR CONTACT: Murley

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