

March 23, 1984

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The Honorable Gillis Long
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Long:

Thank you for your letter, dated February 24, 1984, on behalf of your constituent, Evelyn B. Graham, regarding the restart of Three Mile Island Unit 1.

On January 27, 1984, the Commission issued the enclosed Notice to the Parties, which sets forth its current views and plans regarding restart.

Given present planning, the Commission intends to follow this approach hopes to issue a decision on whether to lift the immediate effectiveness of the 1979 shutdown orders by June, 1984.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I recently received from one of my constituents which concerns a matter under the jurisdiction of your agency.

I would be most grateful for your advice and assistance concerning the attached communication. Should you require any additional information, please call William Meaux of my staff at (202) 225-4926.

Thank you very much.

GILLIS LONG
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
Eighth Congressional District
Louisiana

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February 16, 1984

Willis R. Long, Congressman
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Your help is needed, I and probably many other Louisiana citizens are stock holders in the General Public Utilities Corporation. As you know the three mile island accident occurred in March, 1979. This March will mark five years of inoperation. For most of those years there has been no dividend declared which is understandable considering the cost of clean-up etc. However there now seems to be a problem with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In GPU's third quarter report (copy attached) we are advised the company is ready to restart but the NRC has not decided whether it will permit the restarting of the unit and has set a hearing date for November which is nine months away. Isn't there somehow the beaucratic process could be speeded up?

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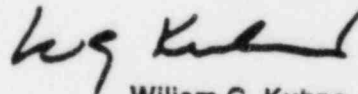
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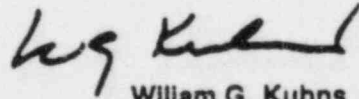
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Washington, DC 20510

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March 26, 1984

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The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Johnston:

Thank you for your letter of March 19, 1984, forwarding correspondence from Ms. Evelyn Graham regarding the restart of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant.

With regard to Ms. Graham's concerns regarding the restart of Three Mile Island, the Commission issued Notice to the Parties on January 27, 1984, which sets forth its current views and plans regarding restart. A copy of that notice is enclosed.

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Enclosures:

- 1. 1/27/84 Notice to Parties
- 2. 3/19/84 Johnston Corres.

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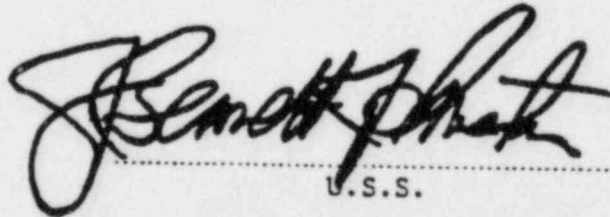
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Respectfully referred to:

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1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 19, 1984

Ms. Evelyn B. Graham
Box 89 A
Ventress, Louisiana 70783

Dear Ms. Graham:

Thank you very much for letting me hear from you concerning restarting TMI-1.

I will certainly be pleased to look into this matter for you, and have taken the liberty of contacting the appropriate officials here in Washington to request a report. I will be back in touch with you just as soon as I have any additional information.

I appreciate your bringing this to my attention, and send every good wish.

With kindest regards, I am

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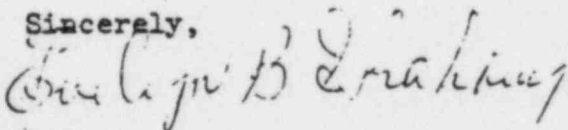
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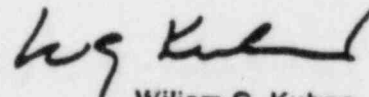
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