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The Honorable Robert J. Mrazek
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Mrazek:

The Commission has asked me to respond to your letter of December 3, 1984 to Chairman Palladino in which you ask that the representatives of Suffolk County and the State of New York be allowed to present oral arguments to the Commission concerning the issuance of a Shoreham low power license.

The Commission is currently reviewing the written arguments of the parties as well as the Board decisions on low power operation, and has not foreclosed oral argument on this important question. Rather, in reviewing these materials, the Commission will determine whether to invite oral argument before reaching a decision.

Sincerely,

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December 3, 1984

Mr. Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Room 1114
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to again express my deep concern that the interests of hundreds of thousands of Long Island residents are being ignored in the licensing process at the Shoreham nuclear power station.

In recent weeks the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has moved perceptibly closer to bringing Lilco's Shoreham facility on line with the issuance of Phase I and II licenses. Unfortunately for the citizens and ratepayers of Long Island, neither the State nor County government was afforded the opportunity to present its views in oral arguments before the Commission.

Once again, as the Commission prepares to decide on Phases III and IV, it appears that the governmental bodies empowered to represent the residents of New York will not be given the chance to make an oral submission on this critical matter.

It is my sincere hope that the Commission will waste no time in inviting representatives of both Suffolk County and the State of New York to appear before the Commission. Whether or not Shoreham ever opens, it is the residents of Long Island who will pay both the social and economic costs associated with this nuclear power plant. Surely, the interests of fairness and democracy would dictate that their voice be heard.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Mrazek
Member of Congress

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