

February 4, 1986

Mr. Douglas Weiss License Fee Management Branch U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Facility Inspection Fees

Invoice 0634W

Dear Mr. Weiss:

We recently received the NRC's second quarter of 1985 billing for inspection fees associated with Byron Station Unit 1. Included on the bill was a contract charge in the amount of \$30,000 which purported to cover the cost of an aerial survey. The contract was not referenced to any specific Inspection Report but was identified as FIN A0200; no other information was provided concerning the scope of the services or for the justification for incurring the expense. This lack of information makes it difficult to review and approve the bill for payment. Please send me additional information on the reason for the expenditure, scope of services purchased, and manhours expended.

I realize that inspection and enforcement activities cannot be influenced by licensees' budgets. However, since the licensees are being called upon to pay the contract costs, sufficient information should be transmitted with the bill to show the reasonableness of the expenditure and accuracy of the billing. Particularly, when the contract costs are of this magnitude, \$30,000, a business like and auditable bill should be provided.

Sincerely,

Greg Alexander

Nuclear Licensing Administrator

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Mood Add: Doug Weiss