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The Honorable Jeffrey W. Moran  
The Honorable Christopher J. Connors  
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Sincerely,

Original Signed By: *for*  
PAUL H. LOHAUS

Richard L. Bangart, Director  
Office of State Programs

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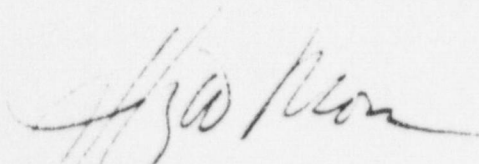
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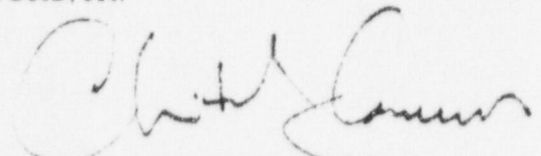
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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
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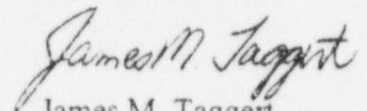
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Dear Mr. Tate,

Over the past ten years that I have lived in Southern Ocean County, I have seen how much the county, and Lacey Township in particular, has financially benefited from the revenues generated from the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station being in operation. Many of the things that the township has now, would not have ever been possible if the Power Plant did not exist. In addition to that, the closure of Oyster Creek would put close to eight hundred voters out of work, which needless to say, would put even a greater strain on the local economy. Something needs to be done and deregulation is far from being the correct answer! If this source of base load is done away with, the people of this county will be forced into getting their power from possibly an out of state supplier, which will INCREASE not decrease their BILLS. Where is there the sanity in that?

As a fellow resident of New Jersey, I hope you will agree that, betting on such an unsure thing like deregulation, should only take place at the casinos in Atlantic City, and not at the expense of the majority of the voting public!

Respectfully yours,



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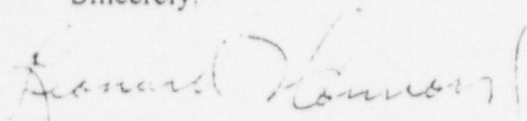
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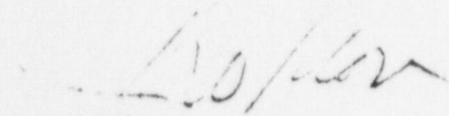
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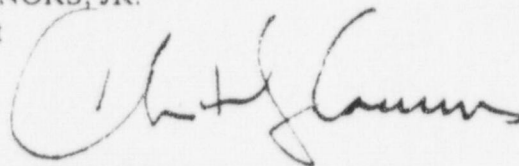
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DEAR: Senator

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The great loss of revenue to the County and Township will be devastating. New Jersey can not afford the loss of thousand of jobs and jeopardize the reliability of electricity for deregulation Plan with false promises of saving the rate payer money.

Thank you

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