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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington D.C.

Atten:Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your proposed new rule clarifying the requirements a new nuclear power plant must meet before conducting low-power tests, this is a sensible rule and one that should be adopted.

Thanks to a hostile press plus an unusual collection of stupid politicians New England is already in an extremely vulnerable position so far as power is concerned. This was proved during the summer of 1987 also the extremely cold winter of 1988 when weather conditions brought about an unprecedented demand for power.

New England needs all the power it can generate. Faced with an acute need for power and having new power plants built and ready to operate just sitting idle is an unheard-of situation. Adoption of your proposed new rule is certainly a step in the right direction.

Yours very truly,

Hobart Hughes

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