

October 29, 1998

Mr. Robert J. Murdock
534 Princeton Avenue
Bayville, NJ 08721-2333

Dear Mr. Murdock:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to Assemblyman Moran, dated September 9, 1998, regarding the possible closure of Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS) and the possible impact that closure may have on the economy and the environment of the community.

Primarily because of the established economic regulatory process, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has exercised limited financial oversight of electric utility licensees. The electric industry's move away from traditional rate-based regulation toward increased competition in a deregulated marketplace could have an adverse impact on the long-term ability of utilities to adequately finance safe operation and decommissioning of their nuclear power plants.

Although the NRC is not usually involved in economic or rate regulation, over the years the agency has recognized a possible relationship between adequate financing and safe operations. Licensees' efforts to reduce spending could result in smaller, less-experienced workforces; reductions in maintenance and capital budgets; shorter refueling outages, during which certain maintenance is performed; and a decline in training resources. The NRC must ensure that economic pressures do not result in reduced safety margins at operating nuclear plants and do not impair a licensee's ability to fully finance decommissioning at a plant after it is shut down.

It also should be noted that the staff has historically not found a strong correlation between levels of operation and maintenance (O&M) and capital additions expenditure and measures of safety performance. Many plants have increased capacity factors and reduced O&M costs and continue to demonstrate excellent safety performance. The NRC will continue to monitor OCNGS through the inspection process and other plant performance indicators used to assess safe plant operation.

With respect to some other issues you raised, and as indicated by your 9th District representatives in a letter to you dated September 22, 1998, there is considerable activity at the State level to develop long-term strategies to address the socioeconomic and environmental issues surrounding the OCNGS facility.

I hope this letter is responsive to your concerns regarding the safe operation of OCNGS until a final decision is made regarding the future operation of the facility.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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September 22, 1998

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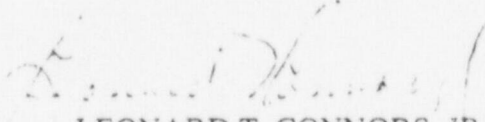
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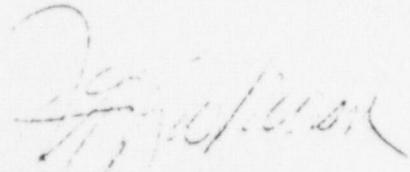
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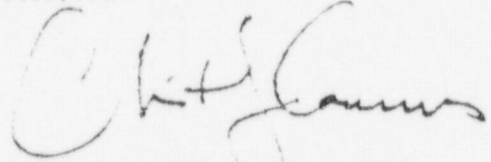
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September 9, 1998

Assemblyman Jeffery W. Moran
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Dear Assemblyman Moran,

I am writing this letter to express my concern about deregulation and how it will effect the environment we live in. This deregulation plan does not recognize the positive impact Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station has to the environment. If Oyster Creek is prematurely closed it will threaten our base load and increase production of our coal and gas plants, increasing carbon pollutants and present a decommission cost to the rate payers.

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

As Emergency Coordinator, I represent about one hundred amateur radio operators in Ocean county. They all share the concerns that I have stated above. As volunteers, amateur radio operators demonstrate that they truly care about the people of Ocean County and not "big business" concerns and profits. We all speak from our hearts when we say that deregulation of electricity is a mistake.

Thank you for your assistance,

Robert J. Murdock



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September 22, 1998

Mr. Paul T. Dever
225 Wells Mills Road
Waretown, New Jersey 08758

Dear Mr. Dever:

This brief note is to acknowledge a copy of your recent letter to our Legislative Office.

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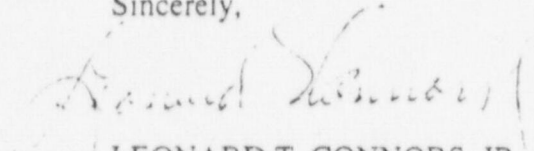
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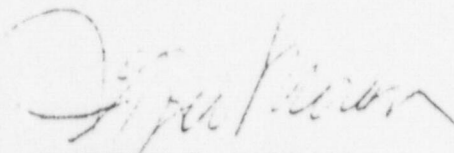
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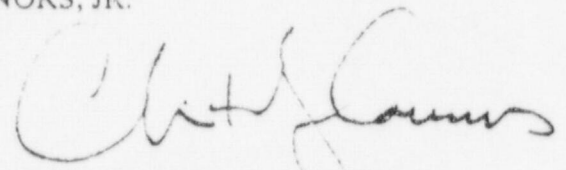
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Dear Senator Connors,

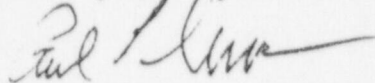
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Additionally, the negative environmental effects this will have on New Jersey is very troubling.

As a Representative of New Jersey, I am asking you to look into these And other problems deregulation will cause.

Thank you for your time and assistance,



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September 22, 1998

Mr. Emilio Pagano
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Dear Mr. Pagano:

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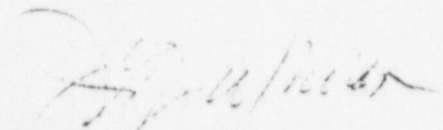
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Ms. Michelle M. Junay
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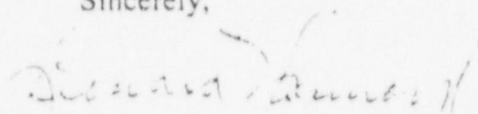
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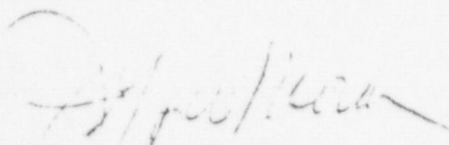
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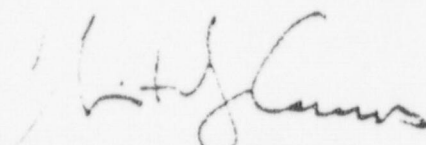
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Mr. Robert E. Linky
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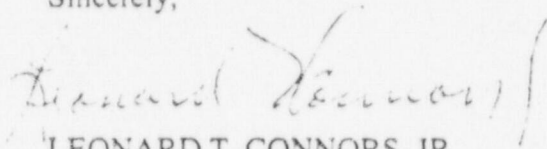
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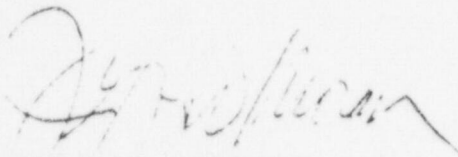
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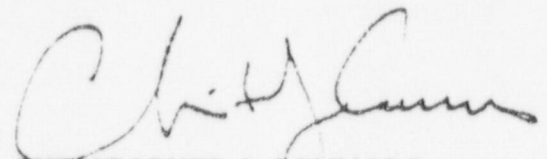
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September 22, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Aguado
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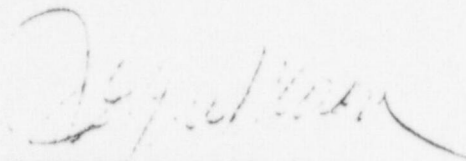
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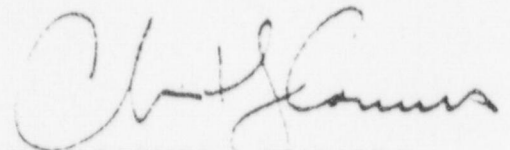
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1 Compass Lane
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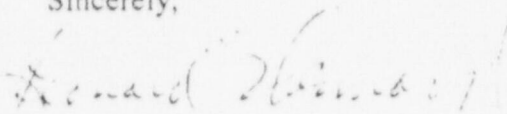
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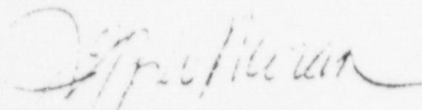
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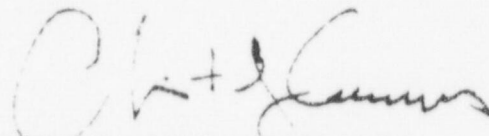
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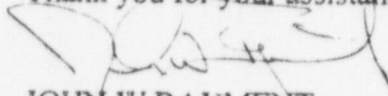
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Ms. Maureen D. Selvage
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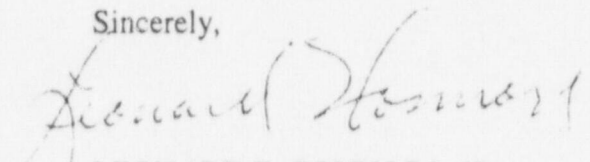
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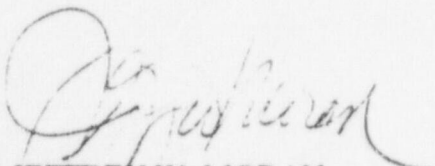
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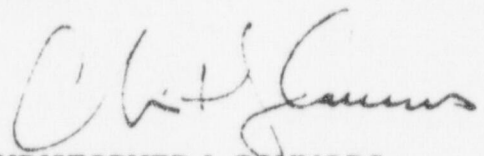
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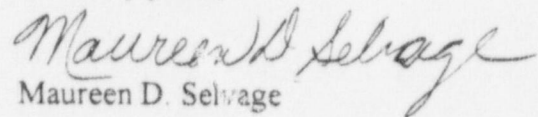
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Ms. Mary Engelken
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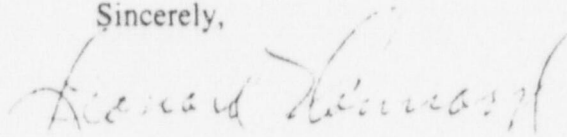
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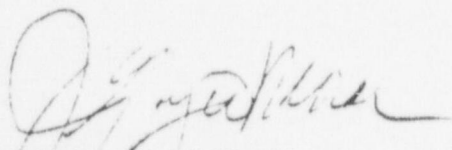
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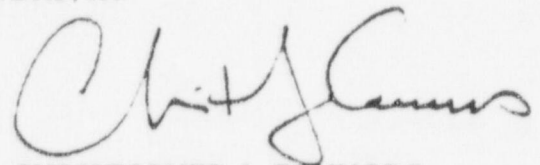
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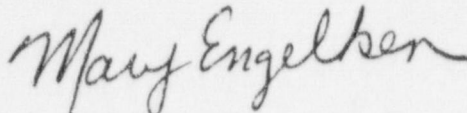
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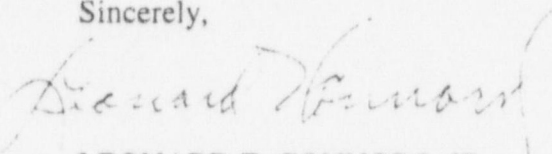
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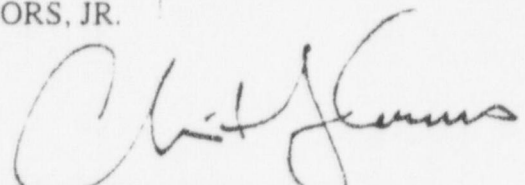
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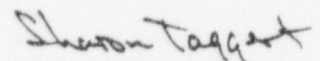
District 9: Senator Leonard T. Connors Jr.

Dear Senator Connors,

Having just recently moved from Pennsylvania to Ocean County, I can attest to the fact, that there is NO silver lining hiding inside electric deregulation as promised. I feel that deregulation of the Electric Industry in New Jersey is a very bad idea, that only has the potential to place more of a financial burden on the common working class person. Just look at what it has already done in Pennsylvania. While promising an initial decrease, we all know it will result in an increase to cover the delivery portion the provider must pay. Think about all of the other industries that are now deregulated and what have been the consequences of their deregulation on the common tax payer. Take all the airline mishaps that have occurred since that industry has been deregulated. How about all the major power outages that have plagued the western states just this year alone? Do we really want to put ourselves in that same, very uncomfortable position? Speaking for myself, I do not!

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Sincerely yours,



Sharon Taggart
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September 22, 1998

Mr. Alfred R. Decker, Jr
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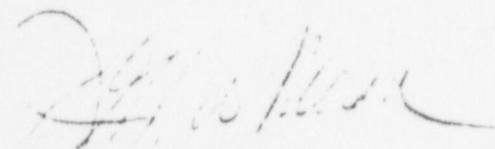
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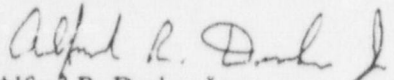
Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to express my concerns about deregulation, the effect it will have on our environment, and the negative economic impact it would have with the premature closing of Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The great loss of revenues to the County and Township will be devastating. New Jersey can not afford the loss of thousands of jobs and jeopardize the reliability of electricity for a deregulation plan with false promises of saving the rate payers money.

This deregulation plan does not recognize the positive impact Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station has to the environment. If Oyster Creek is prematurely closed it will threaten our baseload and increase production of our coal and gas fired plants, increasing carbon pollutants in an already environmentally sensitive area. This plan also allows decommissioning costs to be paid by the ratepayer which is unfair.

I find it extremely difficult and hard to believe that a company that has profited billions of dollars from the people of the state of New Jersey would be allowed to dictate its agenda to the rate payers. This company has recently spent billions of dollars in overseas investments with the money earned in New Jersey. How can you possibly trust a company with hidden agendas. Were are the billions of dollars spent here in the USA? Non-existent I'm sure. As a Representative of New Jersey, I am asking you to look into these and other problems deregulation will bring upon us.

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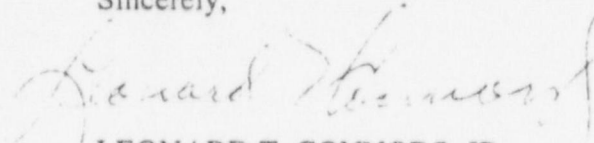
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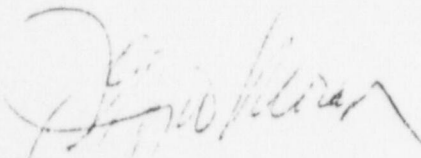
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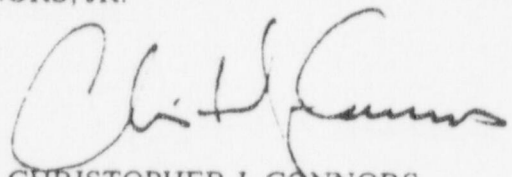
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October 5, 1998

Mr. Daniel W. Opdyke
90 Lamson Road
Mayetta, New Jersey 08092

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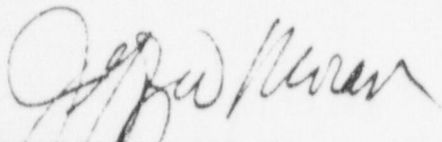
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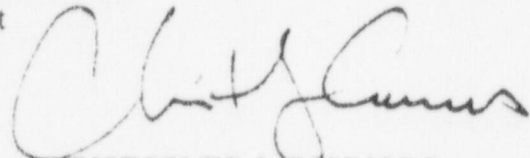
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October 1, 1998

Senator Leonard T. Connors, Jr., R.
620 West Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731

Dear Senator Connors:

I am writing this letter to express my concerns about the possible premature closing of Oyster Creek, which has been performing excellently. It's closing, I believe, will have negative economic and environmental effects.

Since the mid 1980s Oyster Creek and the Nuclear Energy Institute have made great strides. We have become safer and more productive. All of the industry performance indicators show this improvement.

The environment is of great concern to all of us and nuclear generation is one of the only two ways now commonly used to produce electricity that emits no greenhouse gases. Thinking of the environment; when deregulation comes into effect, we will be forced to buy dirty electricity from out-of-state carbon dioxide emitting, fossil-fuel burning plants.

In 1995 alone, natural gas emitted 150 metric tons of carbon dioxide, oil emitted 190 metric tons and coal emitted 230 metric tons, in order to produce one million kilowatt hours of electricity.

Nuclear plants do not generate any carbon dioxide!

I often hear people say that nuclear power plants can't compete with other generating sources. No doubt some individual plants will not be competitive, but if you look at what Oyster Creek has done and continues to do, we can be competitive. On average nuclear power is only marginally more expensive than other types of generation. Unlike other generating sources, the figures for nuclear generation include the cost of waste disposal and decommissioning.

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Between 1973 and 1996 nuclear energy met 40 percent of the increased demand for electricity in the United States. At the same time prevented the emission of 80 million tons of sulfur dioxide and 34 million tons of nitrogen oxide. The United States target is to cut carbon emissions 7 percent below the 1990 levels by the year 2004.

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must actively pollute. Since nuclear plants do not pollute, they are not participants in the "cap and trade" process. Tradable credits should be earned not only on the basis of reduced emissions, but as a function of displaced emissions as well. Existing and future nuclear energy sources should be preserved.

I encourage you to recognize the economic and environmental contributions of nuclear energy.

Ask: If they close Oyster Creek, where will this additional loss of electricity come from?

Answer: Out-of-state dirty electricity at a loss of jobs and revenue to New Jersey.

I write this letter as a concerned voter, employee of GPU Nuclear and a member of the IBEW Local 1289.

Sincerely,

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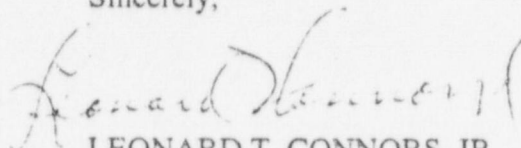
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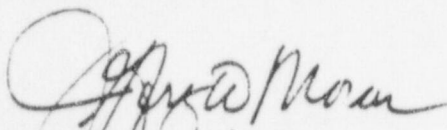
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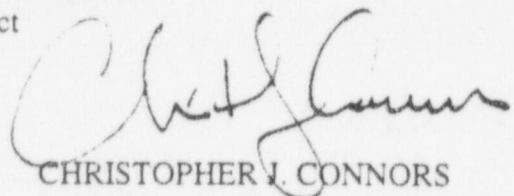
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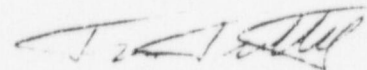
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SUBJECT: Deregulation and The Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station

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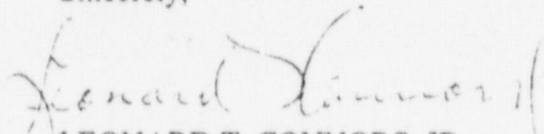
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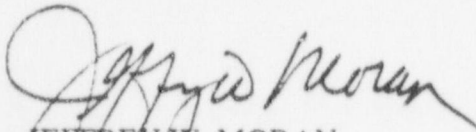
Please know, we will keep you apprised as findings are received from the NRC, OLS and the BPU.

Best regards,

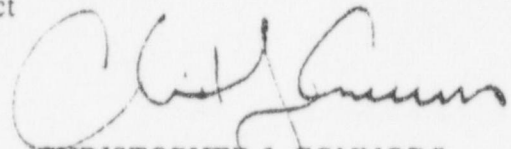
Sincerely,



LEONARD T. CONNORS, JR.
Senator - 9th District



JEFFREY W. MORAN
Assemblyman - 9th District



CHRISTOPHER J. CONNORS
Assemblyman - 9th District

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c: Honorable Shirley Ann Jackson, Commissioner, Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission
George J. LeBlanc, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Office of Legislative Services
Herbert Tate, Jr., President, Board of Public Utilities
(With Enclosure)

September 12, 1998

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Senator Leonard T. Connors, Jr.
620 West Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731

Dear Senator Connors:

I am writing this letter to express my concern about deregulation and how it will effect the environment we live in. This deregulation plan does not recognize the positive impact Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station has to the environment. If Oyster Creek is prematurely closed it will threaten our base load and increase production of our coal and gas plants, increasing carbon pollutants and present a decommission cost to the rate payers.

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

Thank you for your assistance,

Joseph H. Deuchler
561 Rosewood Drive
Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734

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cc: NJ Board of Public Utilities
Honorable Herb Tate

cc: Honorable Christine Todd Whitman, Governor