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Secretary of the Commission,
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Dear Secretary:

knowing that in fairness to all, you are asking for public input and comment on the recent proposal of the new rule change to clarify the requirement that new nuclear power plants must meet before low-powered testing is conducted, I am taking this opportunity to express my own sentiments on this very important subject.

First off, I want to compliment you on the segment of the new rule that off-site emergency sirens need not be in place when low-power testing takes place. This is both sensible and vital. Right here in my home area of Hampton, N. H., where I have resided for twenty-one years, we have seen the classic politically motivated ploy by which some communities, principally those in bordering Massachusetts, have had off-site emergency sirens removed to further their cause to, by every means possible, hamper the Seabrook Plant. These off-site emergency sirens were properly installed in full and detailed compliance with the prevailing rules and regulations and in good faith. In addition, we have also seen the sinister involvement of criminal vandalism in the night time in which poles on which sirens were mounted were sawed down and toppled. These are certainly not the acts of reasonable people.

Obviously, I am not a part of the loud, strident, highly orchestrated and seemingly well financed opposition to the Seabrook Plant in particular and nuclear power anywhere in general. Oddly enough, this overwhelming type of opposition is considerably lessened in relation to the two established nuclear power generating plants that have operated in this same Massachusetts for quite a number of years. Nevertheless, this opposition has used every device, interpretation, maneuver and ploy to delay, delay, delay and delay, ad infinitum, and thereby deprive this rapidly growing area of the country the power that it needs now and which will be absolutely vital to its future.

Also, I am in no way connected with the participants and principals of the Seabrook Plant as a stockholder, employee or advisor. I am a retired Textile Processing Engineer, Designer and Manager. I have participated in every phase of this activity including being the General Manager of three large plants and the designing of textile processing plants and processing machinery here in the United States and in several foreign countries.

Please persist in the advance of this vitally needed rule change and do not be swayed by the clamor of unfounded negative claims by the aforementioned politically manipulated opposition to everything that might be beneficial to Seabrook in particular and nuclear power in general.

I thank you for this opportunity for me to express my sentiments on this matter so vital to so many of us.

Sincerely,

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