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Secretary of the Commission
Attn: Docketing & Service Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir,

I note from the news media, and other information sources, the Commission has proposed a new rule on requirements new nuclear power plants must meet prior to low-power testing. In view of the recent reports of anticipated power shortages in the eastern U.S., with resulting brownouts and/or blackouts, action in this area is overdue.

It is a mystery to me that this power shortage can be allowed to persist when the means to eliminate it are at hand. Surely past experience world wide is heavily in favor of the use of nuclear power for generation of electricity. Operation of Seabrook would eliminate the immediate shortage and allow increased demand for power to be met while building further facilities.

Your past rules and regulations have gone to extreme lengths to ensure the safety of nuclear power plants and thus protect the public. I urge your early and favorable action on your proposed "Clarification of emergency planning requirements for low-power licenses"

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Robert S. Howard