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

Dear Secretary:

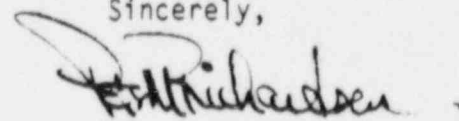
The Seabrook nuclear power plant is needed to supply clean, safe, and economical electric power to meet existing needs in New England and surrounding regions. The alternative is fossil power from small plants that are more expensive and unreliable to coordinate in grids. The cancelling of Shoreham and the extended outage for the Pilgrim plant make it all the more imperative that Seabrook be allowed to go on line.

I support the effort to change the proposed rule for granting licenses for low-power testing. It is entirely reasonable that low-power testing should not require the same full-scale notification system that is required for full-power operation. The Commission itself has determined that the risk to public health and safety from low-power operation at any nuclear power plant is significantly lower than at full power. The risk for Seabrook is much less than for the typical nuclear power plant because Seabrook has double containment, exceptionally well trained operators, and safety systems and equipment that use the most advanced technology. Seabrook also has a well drilled emergency preparedness organization that operates in coordination with state of New Hampshire safety groups. A fully operational siren notification system has been constructed in New Hampshire and a mobile siren notification system is being prepared for use in Massachusetts. Seabrook also has implemented an Emergency Broadcast System that is available on a 24-hour basis to broadcast emergency information to all surrounding communities.

I live on Hampton Beach opposite the Seabrook plant and I feel completely safe in that location, even during the summer season when the beach is crowded.

I request that you take the steps necessary to issue a low-power license to Seabrook and following that, within a few months, to issue a full-power license.

Sincerely,

  
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