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January 26, 1999

SUBJECT:

PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (PNPP), UNIT 1 - PETITION OF THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS (UCS) PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 2.206;

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Sincerely.

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