

# TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX

KANKAKEE COUNTY - ILLINOIS

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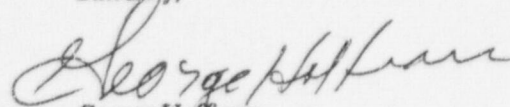
Chairwoman Shirley Ann Jackson  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1 White Flint - North Building  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville Pike, Maryland 20852

Dear Chairwoman Jackson,

Please find the three enclosed Resolutions adopted by the Township of Essex. Resolution No. 2-99 may be of particular concern to you and your agency. As you may know Commonwealth Edison Company is planning to sell their remaining excess property in the Essex area soon. The sale of this property is of great concern to the Township and the Village of Essex as it is the heart and key to the drainage system of our area. There is also concern that the sale of these properties may present a risk to the health and safety of the residents of our area in respect to an existing landfill and loss of emergency cooling water for the Braidwood Power Station. These properties are located in sections 5-6-7- and 8 in the Township of Essex, Kankakee County, Illinois. They contain several lakes that have been used by Commonwealth Edison for emergency cooling water for their Braidwood Station Nuclear Facility. The transfer of ownership of these properties to a private concern may eliminate the availability of this water for emergency cooling at the Braidwood Nuclear Facility. Commonwealth Edison has needed the water contained by the lakes on these properties in the past and there is little doubt they may be needed in the future for the safe operation of the Braidwood Nuclear Facility.

These concerns have been voiced to Commonwealth Edison officials on several occasions. Although we have been assured by Commonwealth Edison that these are legitimate concerns that they will address they have not responded. Any relief you may offer us or suggestions you may have to resolve this situation would be greatly appreciated. You or your staff may contact me at the above address or call me at (815) 426-2555. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



George Hoffman  
Township Supervisor

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**TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-1**

WHEREAS Commonwealth Edison Company, a division of UNICOM, is advertising the sale of certain properties in Essex Township and the Village of Essex, Illinois and

WHEREAS a portion of this property was operated as a large solid waste landfill prior to being purchased by Commonwealth Edison Company and

WHEREAS Commonwealth Edison Company has, since its ownership of the property, maintained this former landfill site as open space grassland and

WHEREAS residents of the Township of Essex and surrounding areas depend on shallow private wells for drinking water and

WHEREAS the development or disturbance of this former landfill, or land adjacent thereto, may result in the contamination of the drinking water of the residents of the Township of Essex and surrounding areas and

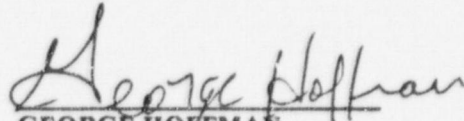
WHEREAS these concerns have been voiced to Commonwealth Edison officials months ago without any satisfaction

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX, ILLINOIS THAT FOR THE FUTURE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OF ESSEX AND SURROUNDING AREAS THAT COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THIS PROPERTY AS PART OF ITS BRAIDWOOD NUCLEAR STATION PROPERTY.**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX RESOLVE TO SEEK RECOURSE FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SAFETY, THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION, THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OBTAIN THIS RESOLVE.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX, ILLINOIS

PASSED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.

  
GEORGE HOFFMAN

SUPERVISOR

ROBERT BICE, CLERK Robert Bice

# TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX, ILLINOIS

## RESOLUTION NO. 99-2

WHEREAS Commonwealth Edison Company, a division of UNICOM, is advertising the sale of certain properties in Essex Township and the Village of Essex, Illinois and

WHEREAS these properties contain numerous deep lakes which hold a large capacity of water and

WHEREAS Commonwealth Edison Company has needed the water contained in these lakes in the past for emergency cooling of their reactors at their Braidwood Nuclear Station Facility which is adjacent and contiguous to this property and

WHEREAS the water contained in these lakes may be needed in the future for safe operation of the Braidwood Nuclear Station Facility and

WHEREAS any transfer of ownership of this property from Commonwealth Edison to a private concern would eliminate the availability of this water for emergency cooling at the Braidwood Nuclear Station and

WHEREAS the lack of water for emergency cooling purposes presents a risk to the health and safety of the residents of the Township of Essex and the surrounding area and

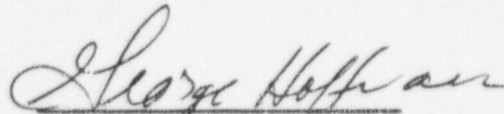
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX, ILLINOIS

PASSED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.



**GEORGE HOFFMAN**  
SUPERVISOR

ROBERT BICE, CLERK Robert Bice

# TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX, ILLINOIS

## RESOLUTION NO. 99-3

WHEREAS Commonwealth Edison Company, a division of UNICOM, is advertising the sale of certain properties in Essex Township and the Village of Essex, Illinois and

WHEREAS the properties are a major component of an intricate and delicate drainage system that greatly affects the Township of Essex and the surrounding area and

WHEREAS Peabody Coal Company created this drainage system in response to local flooding problems that were a result of mining practices that disrupted the natural drainage patterns and

WHEREAS Commonwealth Edison Company purchased this property from Peabody Coal Company knowing of the drainage system contained therein and

WHEREAS Commonwealth Edison has maintained this drainage system each year from the date of purchase to the present and

WHEREAS any disruption of this drainage system will result in severe flooding to the Township of Essex and surrounding areas in the path of Crane Creek and Granary Creek and

WHEREAS the citizens and the Board of Trustees of the Township of Essex, Illinois believe that Commonwealth Edison has a responsibility to continue to maintain this drainage system and

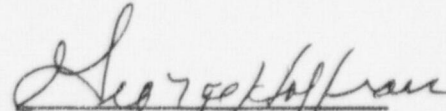
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSEX, ILLINOIS

PASSED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 1999.

  
GEORGE HOFFMAN

SUPERVISOR

ROBERT BICE, CLERK

