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COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 17, 1987

The Honorable Lando W. Zech, Jr.
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

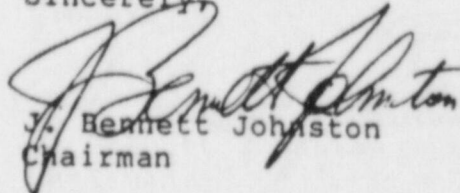
The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is beginning consideration of proposals for the extension and revision of the Price-Anderson Act (Section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended). As you know, important provisions of that Act expire on August 1, 1987. The Committee needs to be fully aware of the impact of a failure to obtain timely extension of these provisions on licensees of the Commission.

Accordingly, I ask that you direct the Commission staff to prepare a legal memorandum describing the coverage of current Commission licensees under the Price-Anderson Act in the event that the expiring provisions are not extended beyond August 1, 1987. Please provide a full discussion of the issues, such as might be suitable for presentation in legal proceedings on the matter of such coverage.

This memorandum should discuss all categories of licensees currently covered under the Act. Because there is a very limited time remaining before August 1 in which to develop legislation we need this memorandum as soon as possible.

If you need further information about this request, please contact Mary Louise Wagner at 224-7570.

Sincerely,


J. Bennett Johnston
Chairman

JB:bc 3/18...To OGC to Prepare Response for Signature of Chairman
Date due: March 31...Cpys to: RF, EDO, OCA to Ack..87-0268

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