Mr. Phillip R. Johnson Chairman of the Board Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners 203 Antrim Street Charlevoix, MI 49720

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO CHAIR UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE BIG ROCK POINT NUCLEAR PLANT

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I will contact you during the week of October 19th to discuss your availability to chair the November 13, 1997 meeting.

Sincerely, ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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