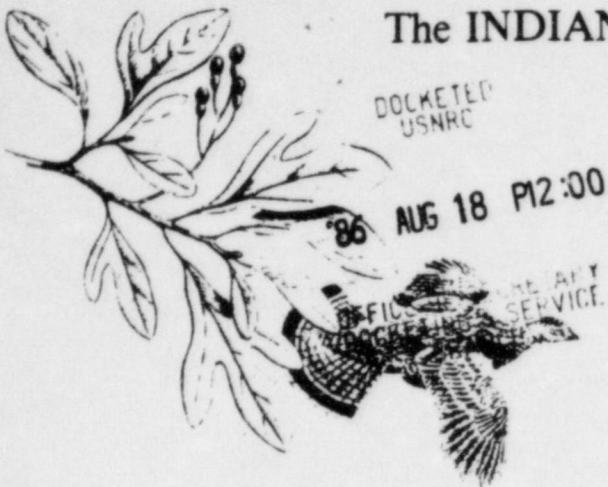


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TO: Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, NRC

In re: Public Service Company of Indiana, Inc.
Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.
(Marble Hill Nuclear Generating Station,
Units 1 & 2)
Docket Nos. 50-546-OL and 50-547-OL

RE: NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
OF MAY 30, 1986

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SASSAFRAS AUDUBON RESPONSE TO NRC STAFF POSITION ON MARBLE HILL
SITE RESTORATION

The NRC Staff adheres to its position that no environmental conditions are necessary for the Marble Hill site in its Response to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Order of May 30, 1986 requesting additional information on the matter of termination of the Marble Hill Proceeding.

The NRC Staff asserts that it has clarified its position as to why it believes no conditions for site restoration or stabilization are necessary by inclusion of an affidavit of Dr. Robert B. Samworth affirming that the Staff had made a site inspection, found that Public Service Indiana had recognized the areas of high erosion potential and taken remedial action to prevent erosion.

Sassafras Audubon has asked in previous communications that Public Service Indiana be required to restore the Marble Hill site as completely as possible to its pre-construction state with the land available for farming, timber and wildlife habitat. To repair and prevent erosion at Marble Hill is important and commendable, but is no answer to what is meant by the term "site restoration".

Marble Hill was in an advanced state of construction when it was canceled, and to require only erosion control is to let Public Service Indiana walk away with virtually no responsibility for what is left behind. The Marble Hill nuclear plant structures are a visual blight on the Ohio River Valley, and if aesthetic values

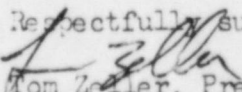
were of significance in restoration of the Clinch River site, then they should apply equally to Marble Hill.

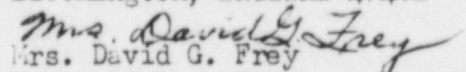
In the instance of Clinch River an objective was to restore the site to a condition that made it suitable for industrial use. This may have been acceptable for Clinch River, but the location of the Marble Hill site does not lend itself to development, Public Service Indiana has indicated no plans for use of the site, and it is highly unlikely in the foreseeable future that any other utility would be interested in the site for power generation. Indiana has an excess of power and predictions are for Indiana's population to decrease somewhat, a continuing trend, rather than to increase. Valley residents are also likely to vigorously oppose its use as an industrial site because of current air pollution problems.

What would it take to demolish Marble Hill? Public Service Indiana has made a notable recovery from its former precarious financial strait because of the granting of rate increases by a PSI-supportive Public Service Commission, a few acts of re-trenchment, and various financial arrangements. It should be able to provide for clean-up of the site within a reasonable period of time.

Sassafras Audubon will oppose any decision which allows Public Service Indiana to walk away from Marble Hill without concern for the land-use of this thousand-acre site. Such a decision would in itself be an irresponsible act.

Respectfully submitted


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