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Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman
Office of the Commissioner
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20201

RE: William H. Zimmer Nuclear Power Station

Dear Sir:

As you may know, the Zimmer Power Station Project, at Moscow, Ohio, is nearing completion, yet issues regarding the safety of its operation remain unresolved. Recently a request was made of me that I co-sign a letter to the owners of the power station, the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company (CG&E), regarding the development of their emergency plan. The purpose of the letter was to express my approval of their emergency plan, as Secretary of the Department responsible for the regulation of radiation for the protection of the public health in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I declined to sign this letter.

The purpose of this letter is to express this Department's opposition to the licensing of the power station. My primary reason for this opposition is my concern that at present the most efficacious manner of disposal of high-level radioactive waste resulting in the spent fuel rods used at the Zimmer Station is not yet resolved. In fact, no resolution appears imminent and CG&E, as the owner and operator of the power station will be forced to store these radioactive materials on site for an indefinite period of time. I do not feel comfortable with the existence on the Kentucky border of a facility which will generate potentially lethal materials for which there is no approved method of disposal. I am also concerned that in the future radioactive wastes from the power station will be transported to disposal sites on the highways of this state, with possible dangers to the public health.

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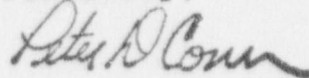
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I, therefore, urge the Commission to deny an operating license to the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company Zimmer Power Station until such time as an efficacious, safe process for disposal of the wastes from the operation of this station is developed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Peter D. Conn, Secretary

cc: Mayer Bender, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20201

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