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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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October 26, 1999

The Honorable Joe L. Barton
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy
Committee on Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the near future, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) intends to publish in the Federal Register the enclosed proposed amendment to the Commission's rules in 10 CFR Parts 2 and 50. The proposed rule is being developed to clarify the NRC's regulations to reflect more clearly its limited antitrust review authority by explicitly limiting which types of applications must include antitrust information. Specifically, because the Commission is not authorized to conduct antitrust reviews of post-operating license transfer applications, or at least is not required to conduct such reviews and has decided that it will no longer conduct them, no antitrust information is required as part of such license transfer applications. Because the current regulations do not clearly specify which types of applications are not subject to antitrust review, these proposed clarifying amendments will bring the regulations into conformance with the Commission's limited statutory authority to conduct antitrust reviews.

The Commission is issuing the proposed rule for public comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis K. Rathbun".

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Representative Ralph M. Hall