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February 4, 1977

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Honorable Marcus A. Rowden
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rowden:

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, in the exercise of its responsibility to assure effective implementation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of its statutory mandates, is undertaking an assessment of certain aspects of the Commission's licensing system.

Initially, we are exploring the ability of the Commission's licensing system to address safety problems at plant sites in locations showing evidence of seismic activity.

To make possible a thorough review, we would appreciate very much receiving from the Commission summaries of safety reviews conducted for and by the Commission as a part of licensing proceedings for all units at the North Anna, Virginia, and Diablo Canyon, California, sites, and other documents and information including:

- (1) a chronology of events in the various licensing proceedings for both sites;
- (2) summaries of safety evaluation and safety analysis reports completed prior to issuance of construction permits;
- (3) summaries of safety reviews completed or underway as a part of granting operating licenses to units now completed or under construction;

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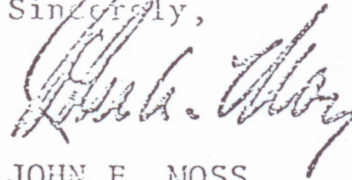
- (4) an indication of the current status of any plans or pending proceedings which might result in granting fuel loading permits or other permits for less than full operation of completed units at both sites;
- (5) letters or reports from the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards for both sites, or dates on which such letters or reports are anticipated;
- (6) copies of documents and letters filed by intervenors in licensing proceedings for both sites, including all documents containing substantive objections to the construction or operation of nuclear power generating facilities at both sites;
- (7) an indication of the test to be applied by the Commission in the final analysis to determine whether, after all the facts are in, the plants should be permitted to begin full operation; and, in the event the plants are determined not to meet this test, what further steps can be anticipated:
 - (a) if the units as presently constructed are deemed unsuitable for upgrading to meet the test, or in the alternative
 - (b) if the units can be upgraded;
- (8) an indication of the nature and extent of any safety margins incorporated into the Commission's test referred to under item (7) above.

Please include any other documents or information not listed above which could be of assistance to the Subcommittee in its study.

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Thank you very much for your attention to this request.
We would appreciate receiving this information no later
than February 18, 1977.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John E. Moss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JOHN E. MOSS
Chairman
Subcommittee on
Oversight and Investigations

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