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Dear Mr. Palladino:

Last month the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power asked NRC to determine what impact the precarious financial situation of the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) might have on licensing of WPPSS 3, for which WPPSS is presently seeking an operating license. NRC personnel, however, believed that this request pertained to licensing of WPPSS 2, which is now ostensibly 100% complete and commencing its start-up and testing phase.

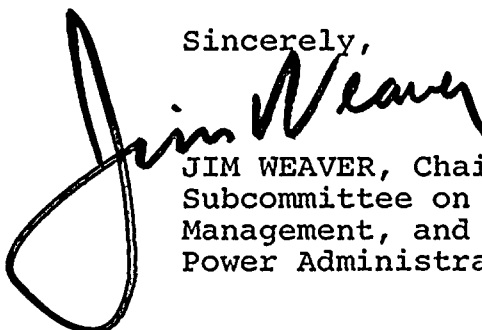
As noted by the press throughout the Pacific Northwest, NRC spokesmen stated that NRC was already researching the impact of WPPSS financial problems on the licensing of WPPSS 2. The NRC representative for Region V told the press:

We're researching it. . . . We need to address this issue. We need to be assured if there was a significant problem they would have the resources to deal with it.

I am relieved that NRC has taken the initiative to investigate this matter and believes that such an investigation is necessary. Please contact the Subcommittee Counsel, Daniel Meek, at (202) 225-1661, and provide him with a status report on this effort as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



JIM WEAVER, Chairman
Subcommittee on Mining, Forest
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