

United States Senate

Washington, D. C., October 4, 1979

Respectfully referred to

Mr. Carlton Kammer
Director,
Office of Congressional
Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20505

Re: Thomas J. Edwards
The Valley Alliance

Please respond to:

Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
Western Regional Office
Suite 780 G.R. Ford Bldg.
110 Michigan Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

No. 79-2824	Logging Date 10/17/79
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Incoming: Senator Donald Riegle
From: Constituent referral from Thomas Edwards

To: Carl Kammerer, OCA Date 10/4/79
Subject: Request for info. on Palisades reactor
& funding of intervenors

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- ☐ For appropriate action
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Remarks: OCA to Acknowledge

For the Commission: Combs

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September 21, 1979
RR 1, Box 12
Bloomington, MI 49026

Sen. Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Sen. Riegle:

Enclosed please find a copy of letters sent to both the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Please also note that copies of that letter have been sent to other parties, as indicated at the end of that letter.

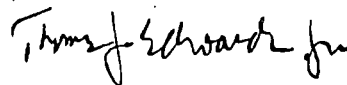
Both as a spokesperson for the Valley Alliance as well as an individual I am requesting that you please respond to two concerns:

1) Is there not an inter-agency conflict in the Palisades steam generator issue when on the one hand the NRC has not yet made a final determination as to whether the replacement can even take place, while on the other the Corps and DNR are currently processing applications for permits which would allow Consumers Power Co. to begin preparation for replacement? Is there any way you can intercede in this matter?

2) In public hearings tax-payer monies are used to hire legal counsel for state and federal agencies holding these hearings, Nuclear Regulatory Commission public hearings are one such example. In what ways can you help secure public funds for your constituents to be used to pay for lawyers and expert witnesses at such hearings? Agencies which issue licenses or permits for nuclear-related purposes have no assurance of getting all the information they need without the citizens' input and the citizenry is at a definite disadvantage in being able to express their point of view when not adequately represented by legal counsel or expert witnesses.

I look forward to receiving your answers to these questions.
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.

Sept. 10, 1979
RR 1, Box 12
Bloomington, MI 49026

THIS
LETTER
SENT
TO

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 1027
Detroit, MI 48231

AND

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND RESOURCES PROGRAM DIVISION
POST OFFICE BOX 30028
LANSING, MI 48909

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as both a concerned citizen, who lives within 25 miles of Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, as well as an appointed representative of The Valley Alliance, a community group working for a non-nuclear world, based in Kalamazoo but comprised of citizens from the southwest Michigan area.

It is our understanding that Consumers Power Co. plans to construct a temporary barge slip facility just off the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant site in Covert Township in Lake Michigan so they can conduct off-shore dredging as well as on-shore fill-in dumping in order to receive and unload two new steam generators for their Palisades plant. It is also our understanding that before new steam generators can be installed at Palisades the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) must make a determination concerning the necessity for and safety of such a change in equipment. The NRC has not yet made a final decision in this matter and has, in fact, granted a citizen request for a formal public hearing concerning this very issue. It therefore appears to us that Consumers Power Co. is not only premature in applying with state (Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources) and federal (U. S. Army Corps of Engineers) agencies for permits for these off-shore/on-shore activities but is presumptuously assuming that it will be granted NRC approval for steam generator replacement. Consumers Power Co.'s attitude makes a mockery of the public hearing granted by the NRC. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' as well as the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources' decision to consider such applications for permits is therefore also premature.

It is our belief that the changes being planned by Consumers Power Co. at the Palisades plant will ultimately result in detrimental effects upon the people of southwest Michigan. This citizenry has been granted a public hearing and neither the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers nor the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources should accept applications for permits from Consumers Power Co. until a final determination on the steam generator issue is made by the NRC. Premature acceptance of and preliminary determination on these applications is a waste of the taxpayers' money and only serves Consumers Power Co.'s interests by ignoring and making a sham of the democratic process of allowing the citizenry to be heard.

If the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources do however choose to accept Consumers Power Co.'s applications

then we hereby formally request a pre-project public hearing be held to further discuss the details of Consumers Power Co.'s proposals since it is our belief that these actions are of extreme importance to the public of southwest Michigan and must be met with free and open discussion.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.

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I have been appointed as an official spokesman for The Valley Alliance by members of The Valley Alliance.

Signed *Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.*

Witness *Sandra K. Hauke*

Date *9-11-77*

The Valley Alliance
P. O. Box 2375
Kalamazoo, Mi 49003

SANDRA K. HAUKE

Notary Public, Kalamazoo County, Mich.

My Commission Expires Sept. 24, 1979

cc.
Sen. Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
Sen Carl M. Levin
Rep. Howard Wolpe
Rep. David A. Stockman
Consumers Power Co.