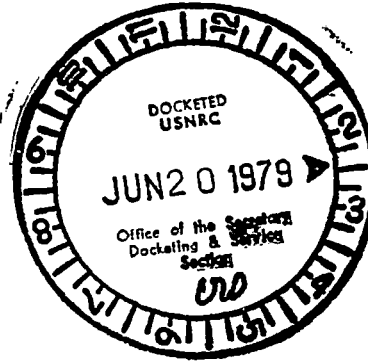




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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Hon. Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Commissioner Hendrie:

On behalf of myself and my fellow commissioners I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present the views of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's consideration of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company's application for the Salem II Nuclear Facility Operating License. We are unable to attend this hearing personally because the Board is presiding over oral argument in the application of Jersey Central Power and Light Company to recover replacement energy costs. As you are aware, Jersey Central Power and Light is a 25% owner of Three Mile Island II and the rate petition is an immediate consequence of the nuclear incident of March of this year.

The Board of Public Utilities urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to act expediently in issuing an operating license for the Salem II nuclear facility if the Commission is satisfied that the reactor and its operation poses no undue risk to the public safety and well being.

For each day the Salem II facility is not on line alternate generation costs \$600,000. The impact upon New Jersey ratepayers of Public Service Electric and Gas Company and Atlantic City Electric Company is approximately \$300,000. In terms of oil imports, 45,000 barrels of oil per day are being used to generate power which could be supplied by the Salem II plant. The nation, as a whole, is experiencing a shortfall of approximately 500,000 barrels of oil per day. Salem II could displace approximately 10% of the national daily shortfall.

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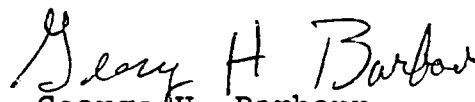
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In the aftermath of the Three Mile Island accident the public sector, regulatory bodies and the electric industry have all stopped to reevaluate the role of nuclear generation in future energy production. The elimination of nuclear power would drastically affect the economy and day-to-day lifestyles of every New Jersey resident.

In the absence of any showing to the contrary, we urge the Commission to grant the operating license for Salem II in the interest of the New Jersey electric consumers.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
George H. Barbour  
President

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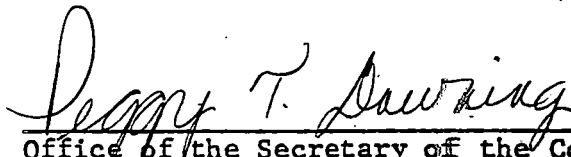
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this

20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1979.

  
Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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