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Dear Mr. Chilk:

This letter is in response to the Commission's recent proposal, announced in the Federal Registers of Aug. 6 (a copy of which I received from the NRC only 3 days ago) and, so I understand, Sept. 7, to charge non-profit intervenors in NRC decisions to license the construction and operation of nuclear facilities for the costs of notices, reports, orders of the Commission, decisions of the ASLB, etc., except those directly affecting the facility under consideration. I view this as one more step in the NRC's efforts to silence public questioning of NRC actions in such matters. Too often the materials for which the Commission intends to charge are useful to intervenors in a particular case. I fail to see

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how charging non-profit parties for such materials can significantly reduce the NRC's annual operating costs. Perhaps you can tell me what percentage of the Commission's total appropriations for each of ~~its~~ year of its existence such charges have been? Please include the dollar amount of the NRC's budget in a given year as well as the dollar amount of the materials provided at no cost to non-profit ~~parties~~ to intervenors.

I can understand the Commission's desire to charge profit-making parties to such proceedings. To charge non-profit parties, however, is harassment and can only further erode public confidence in the NRC and the nuclear industry. If the Commission is genuinely interested in having the public participate in decisions that so greatly affect ~~the~~ lives of everyone, it will reconsider this decision immediately.

I should also like to make known at this time my intention to intervene formally in Duquesne Light Company's (Pittsburgh, PA 15222) application for an operating license for the

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Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station, Unit II.

I request the timely receipt of all information pertaining to the Company's request for an operating license as soon as this request becomes known. At this point, I wish to function as my own attorney.

Thank you for your consideration. I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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