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Application No. XR-120
Docket No. 50-574

Application No. XCOM 0013
Application No. XSNMO 1471

Dear Sir:

We are writing to express our strong support for the Petition for Leave to Intervene and Request for Hearing filed by the Philippine Movement for Environmental Protection, on April 19, 1979, in the above-captioned proceedings, concerning the proposed export of a nuclear power reactor and fuel to the Philippines by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

We are residents of the Philippines, deeply worried about the serious risks to health, safety, and well-being of the public posed by the proposed nuclear exports. Our people will be affected by the decision of the Commission on the pending application. Specifically, we are concerned about:

1. the effect of the normal operations of the plant on the health and safety of people living close to the plant.
2. the danger to us of an accident involving the release of radiation, like the one which occurred at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in the U.S.;
3. the risks of a nuclear accident due to earthquakes or volcanic eruptions in the vicinity of the plant;
4. the adequacy of contingency plans in the event of an emergency, including the evacuation of those of us living near the plant;
5. the safety of arrangements for the movement and disposal of radioactive wastes generated by the plant and the disposal of the plant itself at the end of its useful life.

We are appealing the Commission to grant the PMEP a hearing because the Filipino people have been effectively denied any right to participate in the decision here on the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant. We have been unable to gain access to accurate information concerning the risks of nuclear power. Our petitions and pleas for a full public evaluation of the plans for the plant have been ignored totally by government officials. Even the decision of the Philippine Atomic Energy Commission on April 4, 1979 to license the construction of the plant has been withheld from the public. Furthermore, we have obtained little help from the Filipino scientific and technical community to present our case because of their fear of harassment and intimidation by the government. Our concerns outlined above remain unresolved; and an open hearing before the Commission is our only hope!

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We ask that this letter be docketed and made a part of the public record in these proceedings. We request that you send us by return mail a copy of this letter with the stamp of your office indicating the date and time at which it was docketed. We further request that the Commission send us copies of any of its future decisions or orders concerning the proposed nuclear exports.

We are signing this letter because our concerns are real and very serious. As further evidence of this, we are sending you P20.00 which will also help cover your costs.

Looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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