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John N. Dalton
Governor

Commissioner Victor Gilinski
National Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commissioner Galinski:

You will recall that at our meeting here in Richmond, we discussed the NRC schedules for returning Vepco's Surry 1 to service and for the licensing of North Anna 2, which is ready to load fuel as soon as the operating license is issued.

I now understand that although the NRC staff has recommended proceeding with the licensing of North Anna 2, the schedule agreed upon is in abeyance as a result of the repercussions from the comments by the President's Commission reviewing the Three Mile Island accident, and subsequent new requirements by NRC for licensing.

I am advised by Vepco that North Anna basically meets the new procedures and requirements, and that the company is ready to meet any additional requirements imposed in the future.

Meanwhile, the people in the company's service area, which embraces nearly three-fourths of Virginia, face the prospect of paying higher electric bills as a result of increased fuel costs, while the energy needed to replace North Anna's generation comes primarily from oil-fired generating plants.

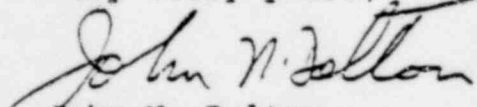
Neither you nor I would want to take a chance on our people's safety in order to save money or energy; however, neither would we want the conflicting views of two government agencies to increase costs to the public unnecessarily in these inflationary times.

I hope that I may soon hear from you that the licensing schedule has been resumed and will soon reach completion.

With all good wishes, I am

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Very truly yours,


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