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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board  
Mr. Valentine B. Deale, Chairman  
Washington D.C. 20555



Gentlemen:

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I write to you out of a deep sense of frustration, to ask you to consider a very important factor regarding the "proposed" nuclear power plant here in Skagit County. We do not want this plant here! The ones who live, the ones whose lives will be forever affected by the plant and its problems (and there will be problems, because human beings are going to run it) are not being considered in this licensing process. It's as if we didn't count at all. Why is it not enough to say we do not want it? Is there no way to get through to those making the decisions? Why can a company say, "Well, sorry, folks, but we've decided this spot is economically feasible for us, and so we're going to build here, no matter how you feel about it."?

This is a fertile, productive valley. We do not want a potential disaster in it. It does no good for you in the nuclear industry to assure us of the safety record of nuclear plants -- one accident and this valley could be rendered uninhabitable. It's too great a gamble. These are our homes, our communities, our lives! Not just our physical lives, but our emotional and mental lives as well. We do not want to take that gamble. The only exceptions to that statement are those mercenaries among us who think they stand to make some profit during the construction period.

We do not want the nuclear plant here. Do we not count? I'll answer my own question -- we do count! And you need to hear us. More important, you need to consider us. Yes, we're afforded our right to speak out, but that's where it ends. We're not really heard on the licensing process would have been halted by now, and Puget Power directed to look elsewhere.

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Please, Sirs, do not grant Puget Power their work permit for this Skagit Project. Ahead of geology, seismology, development of evacuation plans, etc., please consider that the people of Skagit County do not want this nuclear plant built here. If nuclear power has to play a part in our energy program, at least build the plants away from the center of population and the agricultural lands. Please direct Puget Power to consider their sites in the eastern Washington desert. I implore you to hear us.

Sincerely,

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