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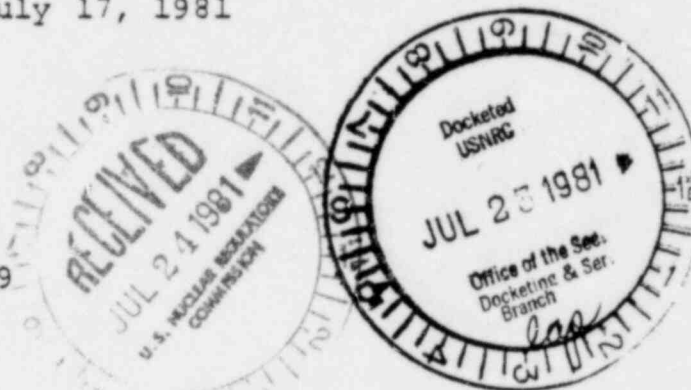
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Mr. Carlton C. Kammerer  
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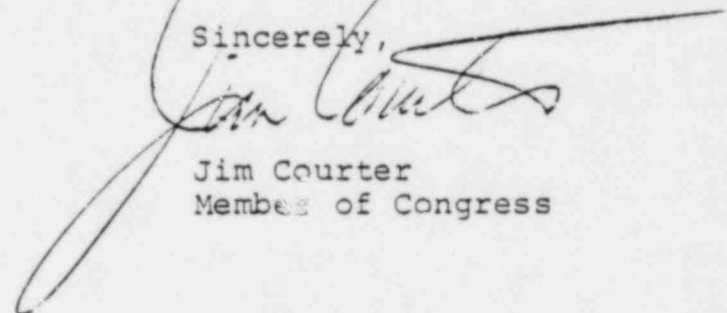
Dear Mr. Kammerer:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter referred to me by one of New Jersey's state representatives regarding a constituent concern.

I would greatly appreciate your reviewing this correspondence and assisting me with an appropriate response for Mr. D. C. Cuomo, my constituent.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

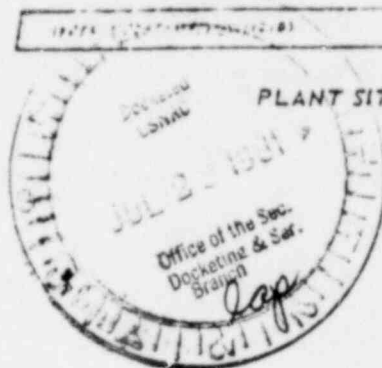
  
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March 21, 1981

The Honorable Walter E. Foran  
135 Main Street  
Flemington, NJ 08822

Dear Sir:

Wedco is a company that processes plastic materials and has processing plants at five locations throughout the country. Our New Jersey plant has the largest amount of machinery, and a major area of cost in our process is the cost of electrical power.

Because of the shutdown of the TMI nuclear power reactors, our costs of power have increased 25% over the last ten months. This has reduced our profit at this location substantially, and as we are presently considering expansion of these facilities, we must give this serious second thoughts. To go ahead and expand our facilities here in the state of New Jersey is foolish when the power company is already projecting an additional 20% increase in power costs in the year ahead, and without the restarting of TMI-1, the projections are being made for limiting available power or brownout situations which would be disastrous to our operations. It would force us to consider whether we should stop any expansion here and take other steps to handle our growing business. We are already considering what portions of the business we do in New Jersey can be transferred to some of our other facilities where the costs of power are much more reasonable. The end result of this would be a reduction in jobs here in the state of New Jersey.

I do believe that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or the Atomic Safety Licensing Board, whoever has final jurisdiction over the restarting of TMI-1, are taking an unrealistic view of their responsibility to all the people including industry. To keep a perfectly good reactor down when in fact this same reactor designed by the same engineering firm

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is successfully operating in many other areas of the country is rather prejudicial. At a time where inflation is up and jobs are down because of our economic situation, it would seem everything possible should be done to stimulate, encourage, and assist the expansion and growth of business. Certainly the TMI situation had a great deal of emotional response, and perhaps there should be some other alternate answer to our power problems. However, until such time as we can develop an efficient, reasonably priced substitute for generating power, we need to take care of our most immediate needs, and the nuclear power plant that is in place will give us instant relief.

I would appreciate your considering this matter and utilizing the influence of your office to bring about a quick resolution to this problem. New Jersey is a state in which the cost of doing business is high to begin with, and to absorb this additional unnecessary burden of excessive power costs when there is a solution available is totally unrealistic. Again I do urge the utilization of the powers of your office to bring about an early solution to this matter.

Respectfully,

WEDCO, INCORPORATED

D. C. Cuomo  
Vice President

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