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Chancellor John T. Park

Dear Ivan,

I noted that you are NRC Commission Chairman. Congratulations on this position of national importance.

UMR has a small training reactor. It is used only for education and training, but it is a critical element in our nuclear engineering program. Our nuclear engineering program is already extremely expensive on a per student basis. I feel that UMR is serving an important role in meeting the nation's need for nuclear engineers, and I am, therefore, willing to continue this high-cost program. The proposed \$62,000 annual fee seems to be inappropriate for a facility which has the sole function of meeting the nation's need for education and training.

My comments concerning increased fees for nuclear reactors do not hold for all universities. The University of Missouri-Columbia reactor, for example, generates significant income from outside customers, and serves a function broader than education and training. They will simply adjust their fees to cover the increased costs. This option, however, is not available for a reactor dedicated to education and training.

I hope that you will use your influence to encourage a reconsideration of the proposed NRC fees as they relate to nuclear reactors that have been specifically designed and used for education and training. UMR has an extremely tight budget and the proposed \$62,000 fee is a significant concern to us.

Please give me a call if you have any additional comments or questions. I would be pleased to further discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature of John T. Park in dark ink.

John T. Park
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