

October 11, 1973

John B. Fernaldides, Esq., Chairman
Atomic Safety and Licensing Panel
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Fernaldides,

Confirming our telephone conference call of October 10, 1973, The Coalition for Safe Electric Power is hereby advising you formally of our withdrawal from the Davis-Besse Nuclear Plant hearings on an operating license.

The Coalition remains completely and unambiguously opposed to the construction of untested nuclear power plants. We do not, however, feel that there is any way that the Coalition can halt the operation of a Davis-Besse plant when there have been hundreds of millions of dollars invested in it. For the Coalition to continue in the hearings would be a waste of time, money and effort.

The decision to allow construction of the Davis-Besse Plant was made many months before the public had any opportunity to participate in the hearings. The fact that the Atomic Energy Commission had already decided to allow construction before the hearings started limited the Coalition of the original hearing dates, or the Coalition was not allowed to have time to prepare for an intervention, because any delay would cost the utilities money.

The Coalition will continue its intervention in the Perry Hearings, and expects to participate in future Davis-Besse Hearings.

Very truly yours,

Evelyn Stebbins, Chairman

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