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In the Matter of

THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY, ET AL.
(Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station
Unit 1)

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Docket No. 50-346

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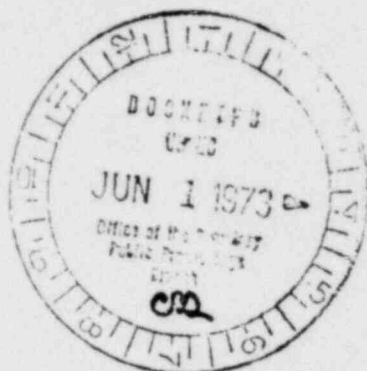
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Chairman Barnakides and Licensing Board,

I have been following the pre-trial hearings on the environmental impact of the Davis-Besse power plant with much interest. It appears highly important to me that the public be apprised of all risks involved and that it be vigorously represented. I do not believe that the ABC can represent the public in any real, substantive way, given its promotional bias. Moreover, its record of secrecy and failure to act on the public's behalf decisively disqualifies it. For example, the ABC did not order any tests of the Emergency Core Cooling System in any of the plants it licensed until November of 1970; i.e., ten years after it began licensing nuclear power plants. In all six tests conducted by the Idaho Power Corporation, the ECCS failed miserably. And yet the Emergency Core Cooling System is the single most important back-up safety system in a reactor.

I would urge you to allow Coalition for Safe Electric Power to testify at the formal hearings, because I believe what they have to present is relevant to the public welfare.

I would urge you to stand by my suggestion during the pre-trial hearing of May 22, 1973, and recommend that the ABC hold CSEP finance the cost of obtaining its witnesses.

I would urge you to recommend that the charge of representing the public interest in matters of nuclear safety be entrusted to an impartial government agency, such as the Environmental Protection Agency.

I would similarly urge you to recommend that the charge of licensing and regulating nuclear plants be entrusted to the same impartial government agency.

Finally, I would urge you to recommend a Congressional investigation of the relationship between the AEC and the power companies it subsidizes, a relationship which amounts to a merger of government and business in a joint venture to protect each other and delude the public.

I would further request that my letter be read into the record of the upcoming pre-trial hearing.

In closing I want to thank you for your time and hope that due consideration will be afforded my proposals.

Most sincerely yours,

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