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TO: ☐ Commissioner _____ Date _____
☒ Exec. Dir./Oper. _____ ☐ Gen. Counsel _____
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Incoming: Rep. C.W. (Bill) Young
From: Constituent referral of Carol C. Piper

To: Mr. NRC Date 7/25/78
Subject: Requests info. on Crystal River plant shutdown

☒ Prepare reply for signature of:

- ☐ Chairman
☐ Commissioner _____

☒ EDO, GC, CL, SOL, PA, SECY

- ☐ Signature block omitted
☐ _____
☐ Return original of incoming with response

- ☐ For direct reply* Suspense: August 11
☐ For appropriate action
☐ For information
☐ For recommendation

Remarks: Cpys to: OCA. OCA to Acknowledge

For the Commission: Combs

*Send three (3) copies of reply to Secy Mail Facility

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Rec'd Off. EDO
Date 8-1-78 ACTION SLIP
Time 12:00

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

..... July 25, 1978

Commissioner
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Bill Young
M.C.

Florida's Sixth Congressional District.
plp

3934-14th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33713
June 30, 1978

The Honorable C. W. "Bill" Young
Room 2453
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Young:

After calling Florida Power Corporation and several local and state agencies without getting any satisfaction (They were polite but were powerless to do anything.), I called your St. Petersburg office. The young man to whom I talked advised me that I should inform you in writing of the situation since you could not legally investigate the matter otherwise.

He also mentioned Ms. Esther Peterson, the Presidential Assistant for Consumer Affairs. Therefore, I have written her a letter and am enclosing a copy of it for your information and, hopefully, action. Between you, I hope that something can be accomplished for the protection of the thousands of customers of Florida Power Corporation, of whom I am just one.

I also hope that you will not vote to allow large corporations, such as Florida Power, and wealthy individuals to profit unduly from tax exemptions on capital gains. Ordinary people deserve some consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol C. Piper

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(Mrs. John H. Piper)

Enclosure

3934-14th Avenue N. th
St. Petersburg, Florida 33713
June 30, 1978

Ms. Esther Peterson
Presidential Assistant for Consumer Affairs
330 Independence Avenue S W
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Ms. Peterson:

You are probably familiar with at least some aspects of the affairs of Florida Power Corporation, based at 3201-34th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712, since they are being investigated by the Energy Department.

In recent years, Florida Power built a nuclear power plant at Crystal River. After approximately eleven months of operation, the plant broke down and has now been out of use for several months. Due to the breakdown, Florida Power is suing Westinghouse, claiming that the nuclear equipment they received from them was defective. However, even if the company should win the case, the consumers will be losers because they have had to pay more for their electricity during these months. Besides this fact, they have suffered great inconvenience in this hot weather since they are constantly being warned to curtail their use of electricity to avoid brown-outs or black-outs.

The Shippingport (Pennsylvania) nuclear power plant has been in operation for years without a breakdown such as this so far as I know. It also was built by Westinghouse almost twenty years before the Crystal River Plant. One would expect some advancements during that time, not the opposite. Then why did the Crystal River Plant break down in less than a year? There are three possible explanations: (1) improper construction by Westinghouse; (2) improper operation by Florida Power; or (3) both. None of these is the fault of the consumers; yet they are the ones who are paying for it.

What I want to know is: What action is being taken, or can be taken, so that consumers can recover these unjust overcharges? What compensation are consumers to receive for their inconvenience?

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Honorable C. W. "Bill" Young, the Congressional Representative of this district. I hope that, between you, you can do something for the customers of Florida Power Corporation.

Sincerely,

Carol C. Piper
(Mrs. John H. Piper)

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