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Dear Chairman Palladino,

I recently received a copy of the views expressed by Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners during hearings held on the application for an exemption in the case of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. I would like to comment on a few of your statements since I realize another vote may take place in the future.

You state that 'licensability' will ultimately be proven even if an exemption is granted. However, meeting all NRC licensing procedures was part of the objectives for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. Special exemptions should not be granted lightly - especially for a "first-of-its-kind" reactor.

You also put heavy emphasis on the fact that Congress intended "expeditious completion" of the project. Yet, in testimony by other Commissioners and in letters to the NRC, it is certainly not clear that Congress either favored or opposed an exemption for the CRBR. Thus, a decision cannot be made strictly on Congressional intent.

Finally, you say that "delay in conducting site preparation activities...can only result in harm to the public interest." On the contrary, I see the exemption as undermining the public's confidence in the project. In addition, the normal waiting period would allow for further research on the proposal and its effects on the health and safety of the public.

I hope you will consider these comments should another hearing take place.

Sincerely,

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