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Re: The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.  
(Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2)  
Docket Nos. 50-440 and 50-441

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your information is a press release issued today by The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company announcing a delay of up to twelve months in the projected fuel load date for Unit 1 of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. The previous schedule called for fuel load in late 1983. The new fuel load date might be as late as December 1984.

Very truly yours,

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### PERRY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE REVISED

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company is announcing a delay of up to 12 months in the fuel load date of Unit #1 of the Perry generating plant. Construction on the unit is over 84 percent complete.

The Illuminating Company had planned to load nuclear fuel in late 1983. The new fuel load date might be as late as December, 1984.

"The Illuminating Company is determined to take the time necessary to make sure Perry is a safe and efficient generating plant," according to Murray R. Edelman, CEI's nuclear vice president.

Perry is a joint project of CAPCO (Central Area Power Coordination Group) which includes CEI, Ohio Edison, Toledo Edison, Duquesne Light and Pennsylvania Power. The twin 1205 megawatt Perry generators have been under construction since 1974, with CEI in charge of the project.

The delay was attributed to the increased complexity of meeting continuing Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requirements for nuclear generating units. At Perry, all the modifications developed since the incident at Three Mile Island are being incorporated into the base design.

CAPCO has always emphasized quality, and there are currently more than 400 people at Perry involved in inspection and quality assurance to make sure all the work is being done correctly.

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The Illuminating Company has undertaken a review of the construction schedule, including an analysis of all work remaining to be done. That study led to today's announcement of the delay in fuel load.

The commercial operation date and total cost of the Perry project are presently being evaluated.

CEI owns 31.1% of the project and will receive a corresponding percentage of the electricity generated. Ohio Edison, and its subsidiary Pennsylvania Power, own 35.2%, Duquesne Light, 13.7% and Toledo Edison, 19.9%.

The five companies serve some 2.5 million customers in an industrial crescent in northern and central Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

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Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

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