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Judge Ivan Smith
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326 North Avon Street
Rockford, Illinois 61103

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Dear Sir:

I hope that you will pay close attention to the arguments being raised against the licensing of the Byron Power Plant at the current hearings. As a citizen of Winnebago County, I am deeply concerned by Commonwealth Edison's decision to seek a Federal license for the Byron site, in spite of the serious questions of plant safety which have so far gone unanswered.

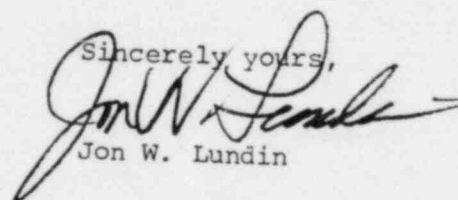
It is evident to many people in this community that Commonwealth Edison does not have an adequate evacuation plan for the Byron Plant, nor has it taken the necessary steps to correct a wide range of safety problems.

Those of us in the community who are already burdened by ever-increasing utility costs, who seem to have little that we can do to reign in a corporate giant like Commonwealth Edison, which believes itself to be free from most environmental controls, look to you for a fair hearing. We hope and pray that you will require the Byron Power Plant to observe the most stringent of safety regulations.

I am not willing to mortgage my children's future for such a short-sighted, potentially-hazardous project.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,


Jon W. Lundin

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March 12, 1983

Dear Judge Smith,

As the parents of two small children we are very much against the licensing of Byron Nuclear Power Plant.

Sincerely,

Donald + Mary Koeber
RR1, Plant Rd.

Sycamore, Ill 60178

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803 South Third Street
Oregon, Illinois 61061
March 1, 1983

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Dear Judge Ivan Smith,

We, as concerned parents and residents of the Byron area, are appalled to think that Commonwealth Edison is seeking to obtain a license for operating the Byron Nuclear Power Plant in view of the fact that they have not put forth an evacuation plan for this area yet.

We pray that you will give this matter careful consideration and not allow the Byron Station the license they seek.

Yours truly,

Daniel Drozd

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To: Ivan D. Smith, Chairman
Atomic Safety & Licensing Board
Dear Mr. Smith;

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As my home is located approximately 25 miles from Edison's Byron plant I am very concerned and apprehensive about the careless and indifferent attitude by the management and employees.

I believe that the enclosed article that was in our to-day's Register Star stresses that the lack of proper security and the disorganization of Edison's management still continues.

I observed the following incidents when my wife and I first toured the plant two years ago and then again the following year with my married daughter and her family.

1. On both visits the guards did not issue any visitors badges or buttons or was there any effort made to check to see that the same number of people that entered the plant also left it.

2. We noticed that there was a good deal of laughing by the guards when they pointed out the aviation warning lights on the top of the cooling towers. They obviously derived considerable enjoyment in explaining that when the lights were first turned on the switches were reversed. This resulted in the bright lights being turned on at night and the dimmer ones in the daytime. But I felt the disturbing thing was that this condition was not corrected until several days later after nearby residents complained that the bright lights were shining into their bedrooms. Only then was the switch reversed.

3. On my first visit to the plant I noticed a metal storage building approximately 30 feet in diameter

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and about 20 feet high that was adjacent to the plant. The strange thing about this building was that the metal roof was half off. Being curious, I asked the guide what happened to the roof. He explained that this building was used to hold a certain amount of air pressure. However when the last person turned on the air pressure he forgot to check to see if the relief valve was open.

4. After our first visit it took me three days to contact Don Lerdvall by phone in order to advise him that it appeared obvious that Edison was getting very little benefit from the tours they were conducting. Due to the constant loud noise from the plant it was almost impossible to hear what the guide was saying in the 10 or 15 areas the guide stopped to try to explain various operations. In order to correct this condition I suggested that Edison prepare a printed pamphlet that would describe the various things that could not be heard from the guide. I also suggested that pictures of the various operations be made to go along with the explanations. I also mentioned that there was a 3 foot high step that was necessary to go up and down in the course of the tour which really created a dangerous condition as there was a number of women and elderly people who had a difficult time using this step. After I finished Mr Lerdvall said that he liked the idea of the pamphlet and that he would take care of the high step on the tour. On my visit one year later the same conditions prevailed.

One has to appreciate the fact that a mistake at this plant could cause terrible harm or death to a great number of people. However, the proper attitude must emanate from Edison top management. I am concerned

from the few things I observed, but also when I read of the
very many fines levied against Edison because of improper
operating procedures in their other plants. Also the fact
that they are apparently the worst violators in our country.

Sincerely
Walter D. Osborn

'There's no security'

Being employed as a construction worker at the Byron nuclear plant, I must express disgust at the recent bomb threats at the plant which have served no purpose but to cost the public more money while workers were evacuated.

However serious this matter is, I noted with some amusement Commonwealth Edison's Don Lindvall stated he felt their security was adequate. There is no security at Byron. The security people there routinely sign passes for visitors and people leaving and little else.

Any person can enter the grounds and the plant, with access to any part of it without any pass or identification. Any person wishing destruction could enter at will. I do not believe that in any other country could a system be so lax.

I also noted Lindvall's effort to put costs on labor in his recent comment in the paper. As anyone employed at Byron can tell you, it is Edison's repeated paper foul-ups and disorganization that have caused employees to have to wait for approvals and parts, sometimes for days.

The labor force in this area can only be productive if allowed to. And, until Edison truly wants that, our electric bills will continue to rise. I know, I see it every day. — Roger Gray, Loves Park.

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March 23, 1983

Dear Judge Evan W. Smith:

The first time I ever heard about nuclear power plants was en route to Wisconsin for a family vacation and my dad detoured to see the great Atomic Power Plant in Zion. At the time there was a lot of naive awe-struck admiration of the place but of course I was only a kid and my dad expressed hopes for the "Atoms for Peace".

The second time I was reminded of the nuclear power plants was some twenty-years later at the NIV campus by a group of my friends sitting at a table getting signatures on a petition opposing the Byron Nuclear Power Plant. Within minutes of conversation I was a dedicated opponent — it didn't take long.

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All the components were there for me to make that decision so easily — environmental pollution — big business domination of a public need — decisions made over our heads by big people with the extra aspect of potential planet poisoning for thousands of years. But throughout my work opposing Nuclear Power Plants NEW reasons for making that original decision are continually found; Even at that day of sitting at the table at NIV in 1975. Many people were afraid to sign their names to state their opposition — "Just Look what happened to Karen Silkwood" they would say. Was maybe something more going on here that meets the eye? I began to wonder and make correlations between the big utility companies and all

potential infringement^③ onto venerated —
ground— our sacred civil liberties. With
the literal POWER out of our hands and
in the claws of the private sector— how
could we be assured of having any say
in these important matters. Somehow,
within the system of our government there
had to be a citizen's input which is why
we all began to work for the intervention.

Coupled with an afternoon at a
Byron Bar — I knew we were on the right
track. We talked to many of the workers
over a couple of beers about their
working conditions— gripes about management—
and then more frightening— an ^{overall} loosening of
^{construction} standards to cut costs.

At the time, or close to it, I discovered
I was to become a mother. My husband

and I were very ^④ happy, of course and I ate well - took vitamins and exercised - but how could I protect my baby from the invisible demons like radiation, chemical pollutants, etc. ? The tragedy took on a deep personal significance with the coming of our son into the world - as a mother, I feared for his health.

In so many ways our society has forsaken the basic values of our forefathers - the most ignored value being that of planning for generations to come, making long range plans.

If it can save a major corporation millions of dollars - it is hence "cost affective" and supercedes all other values ! Many values, such as the sanctity of the womb - are ignored!

As we poison ourselves ^⑤ to turn a profit —
but whose profit? — we gradually will
find nothing of the old American - poison-free —
left again. Like the story of King Midas —
everything turned to gold - even his food —
so has our food. What seemed like a
good thing has turned into a nightmare
too hellish to ignore.

As a judge — a person entrusted with
the public welfare — I beg — I have no
shame to beg — that you overturn this
monster in our community and set the
stage for peaceful - profitable - soft
path technology — SOLAR ENERGY.

Of course Solar will always miserably
fail on the market place. It has all of big
business against it. But nuclear power
would also fail if it were not for the

powerful people and tax payers dollars
propping it up like a puppet regime
in American protectorate.

Pull the plug and save
this beautiful land
from tragic pollution!

Sincerely,

Julia L. Fauci

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Honorable Judges:

As a certified dental assistant I have learned great respect for radiation. Many precautions (a filtered cone, lead apron, etc) are taken in our industry to prevent overexposure to both patient and personnel.

As I have learned from various studies done by the conscientious work of both DAARE/SAFE and the League of Women Voters, Com Ed is only in the planning stages of emergency evacuation should a nuclear accident occur. When will these be completed?

Also, I understand that only ten miles is considered the critical

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evacuation area should an accident (of large magnitude) occur. It is my understanding that a lengthy study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology shows at least a 50% death rate of all unevacuated persons up to 29 miles of a meltdown. It would seem MRC standards are in conflict with this research. This area includes Rockford.

I urge the plant not be licensed until human life can be adequately protected and emergency planning be responsibly completed.

Sincerely,

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