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Judge Lawrence Brenner
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Matomic Building
1717 H St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Judge Brenner:

As a resident of Long Island and a taxpayer I wish to go on record as objecting to the way the people of Nassau and Suffolk Counties are being manipulated by Federal agencies and members of LILCO by acting against our best interests. We are pawns of a Company who because of lack of foresight and mis-management are in a position to lose billions of dollars. Because of this we are being manipulated by our own Government and Lilco to put Shoreham "on line" without our representation or any consideration for our safety. This is a Democracy?

LILCO could still function without the opening of Shoreham. The residents of L. I. will still use electrical power ---which has been supplied in the past (without Shoreham) and can be supplies in the future by the addition of alternate sources of hydro-electric power, wind power, solar power and solar cells.

Nuclear power was developed too fast and some it ilities lack the skills or the will to handle it safely and effectively. Nuclear plant s cost far more to build than expected and operate less efficiently. Rates will rise unabated if Shoreham goes "on line" instead of being reduced. And in the meantime the public disquiet about Nuclear safety continues. The record is dim. The record of disasters stretch from coast to coast and continue to occur.

Shoreham must not be allowed to open. Its record is dismal, cost over-run after cost over-run has dogged every phase. The latest developments include cracked permanent generators which have been temporarily replaced by inefficient Diesels. Recently off site power was lost for from 20-45 minutes. If the plant was "on line" 55 minutes could cause a perilous situation. The plant could reach unacceptable temperatures and before it was even operative could pose a real threat to the people of L.I.

It would seem that our safety is secondary to LILCO's financial situation. I'm sure a solution could be found for this problem. Weren't "the Big Apple" and "Chrysler" both saved from the brink of bankruptcy- but if an accident occurred nothing could save the lives and property of the people of the Island.

Judge Brenner, you are a member of the powerful U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. You have full knowledge of the many serious and those that might have been serious accidents in the Nuclear field. Don't let Shoreham open, we beg of you, DON'T LET SHOREHAM OPEN. How many lives is one Shoreham worth?

Sincerely,

Kathleen DiMartino