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Re: Commonwealth Edison Company (Byron Station,
Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-454, 50-455

Dear Administrative Judges:

I have received a copy of a letter to Judge Rosenthal from one of my clients, Dr. Bruce Von Zellen of DAARE. The letter requests that the Appeal Board hear Edison's appeal from the denial of its request for an operating license for Byron Units 1 and 2 in Rockford or, alternatively, Chicago.

My other clients, SAFE and the Rockford League of Women Voters, have asked me to make a similar request on their behalf.

Accordingly, all three intervenors respectfully request that the Board hear Commonwealth Edison's appeal in Rockford, Illinois (which has been the sight of the hearings). Alternatively, we would request that that appeal be heard in Chicago.

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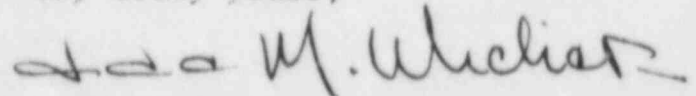
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We believe that this request -- albeit unusual -- is particularly appropriate here. The Byron hearings have been subject to a great deal of public attendance. Indeed, Judge Smith denied Edison's oral request to hold the reopened hearings in Chicago because of the extraordinary number of members of the public who attended the Byron hearings in Rockford.

I have requested attorneys for Commonwealth Edison to join in our request. They have informed me that not only will they not join in that request, they see no reason for the hearings to be held other than in Bethesda.

As this Board is surely aware, both transportation and housing costs are extraordinary expenses for intervenors who are private citizens simply wishing to observe the oral argument. These expenses do not appear to be a consideration of Commonwealth Edison and its attorneys. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Board consider moving the site of the oral argument to a place more convenient to the intervenors who wish to observe the proceedings.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jane M. Whicher", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jane M. Whicher

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