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Judge Ivan W. Smith  
Federal Building  
211 S. Court St  
Rockford, IL 61101

Dear Judge Smith,

I am writing regarding the upcoming pre-hearing conference on the Byron nuclear power plant scheduled for May 30, 1984.

I will be unable to attend the conference, however I wish to urge you to carefully consider the issues to be litigated before determining the scope of the upcoming hearing. The question of the Byron nuclear power plant's license is a crucial one of all those living in the region, and I urge you to therefore allow ample time for discovery and for questioning by the intervenors of Com Ed's witnesses.

The following four issues are central to the dispute and I hope that they will each be addressed thoroughly.

- 1) The quality of the work performed by Com-Ed's contractors on the plant site
- 2) The reliability of inspections done by contractors
- 3) Com-Ed's Own inspection program
- 4) The financial ability of Com-Ed to safely operate Byron

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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