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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SAFETY, COMMONWEALTH EDISON AND
IBEW 15

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We are responding to a recent newspaper article written by an IBEW AND Commonwealth Edison employee. Mr. Coffee has brought to the public's attention some very valid and very serious concerns regarding public safety and the labor/company dispute. We all live in very close proximity to the LaSalle Nuclear Plant, Marseilles, Il. We are concerned with where ComEd's priorities lie. We are all paying ComEd customers. As paying customers, we demand quality service and public safety.

If unskilled labor were to replace skilled labor, how could nuclear standards be met and exceeded? If ComEd wants to compete in the nuclear market, they had better guarantee public safety no matter what the cost. A high turn over rate in personnel would almost certainly prevail. It would be very costly to retrain constantly and pay huge fines for nonconformance. As it is now, their employees are committed to excellence. It is true, you get what you pay for. What is a \$6/hr. employee going to put out for the company? You can get that hourly wage anywhere.

What can and will your institutoin do to ensure a fair deal for the employees, company, and paying public? We anxiously await your reply.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

'Result of the ongoing labor dispute'

To the editor:

I am submitting this letter to inform the readers of La Salle County of impending problems that could arise as a result of the ongoing labor dispute between ComEd and IBEW Local 15.

As most in the area are aware, ComEd owns and operates six nuclear generating stations in Northern Illinois. One of these plants is located in Brookfield Township south of Marseilles. Of the approximately 18,000 ComEd employees, IBEW Local Union 15 represents about 9,300 persons who are responsible for generating, transmitting and servicing the customers supplied by ComEd.

Since April 1, 1995, the 9,300 Local 15 members have been working without a contract as a result of ComEd's refusal to sit down and negotiate in good faith. On Jan. 1 (after record profits in 1995), ComEd IMPOSED it's own version of what it thought was a fair contract. In doing so, ComEd removed all of the guarantees that skilled and experienced workers would operate and maintain it's nuclear facilities. In reality, the new contract language gives ComEd the ability to REPLACE it's skilled labor with unskilled

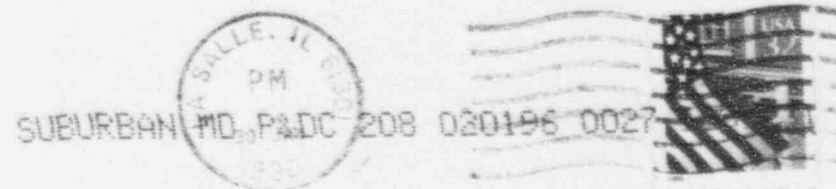
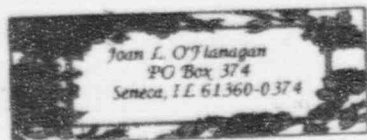
labor at a fraction of the cost.

I am sure that most of you have read the recent articles in Chicago and local newspapers regarding concerns that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has with ComEd's ability to safely operate and manage it's nuclear plants. In the event that the on-going labor dispute results in Local 15 members walking off the job in protest, will ComEd managers be able to safely run these units?

In the aftermath of the Chernobyl incident it was discovered that persons who should have NEVER been at the controls and making decisions were allowed to do so. Will people with no recent practical or on-the-job experience be allowed to run and maintain ComEd plants?

Do the readers of this newspaper have a concern about the safety of their families, neighbors, and communities? If so, I would suggest you write the NRC and ask what they will be doing to protect your safety! United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Commissioner Shirley Jackson, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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