

January 31, 1996

United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
Commissioner Shirley Jackson
11545 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Jackson:

As a wife and mother who has had a husband and son who have worked construction on the various nuclear plants, I am very alarmed and very disturbed about the problems arising over a fair contract with your employees. Once again this is UNION related! Break the Unions - much as what Caterpillar has put their workers through over the past year and a half.

You talk "price freeze," "reaching out," "positive difference in the life of a neighbor," "gatekeeper," "customers who truly need" - why not apply these same principles to your own union workers/employees. Shouldn't fairness begin at one's own doorstep? Why not negotiate in good faith - with your already-trained/skilled employees. They are the ones who have made your record profits and kept your plants operable - not unskilled workers off the streets at half the wages. More profits to you??

Non-skilled workers will not have the expertise to handle a crisis situation. With nuke plants in the radius of 75-100 miles from our homes, everyone is truly concerned about the safety of our families. "Please protect our safety." Keep your trained/skilled employees - be fair!!

Sincerely,

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Walkout could affect plant safety

DEAR EDITOR:

I am submitting this letter to inform readers 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. 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, Local 15 has been working without a contract as a result of ComEd's refusal to sit down and negotiate in good faith. On Jan. 1, 1996 (after record profits in 1995), ComEd imposed its 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 its nuclear facilities. In reality, the new contract language gives ComEd the ability to replace 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 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 operate the facilities safely with half the people?

Will people who have not touched the controls of a reactor for months or years 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 they write the NRC and ask what they will be doing to protect our safety!

Write to: United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Commissioner Shirley Jackson, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, 20852.

Commissioner Shirley Jackson

*Enclosed/attached is a
copy of letter being sent to - ComEd,
P.O. Box 767 - Chicago, Ill 60690*

*Hopefully the NRC will do its
share to prevent a disaster.*

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