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September 17, 1996

The Honorable Lauch Faircloth, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private  
Property and Nuclear Safety  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

NRC has sent to the Office of the Federal Register for publication the enclosed Draft Policy Statement on the Restructuring and Economic Deregulation of the Electric Utility Industry. This policy statement discusses the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) expectations for, and intended approach to, its power reactor licensees as the electric utility industry moves from an environment of rate regulation toward greater competition. NRC is concerned that rate deregulation and disaggregation resulting from various restructurings involving its power reactor licensees could have adverse effects on the protection of public health and safety.

The Commission is issuing the draft policy statement for public comment.

Sincerely,

*Linda Portner*  
*for*

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure: As stated

cc: Senator Bob Graham

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Committee on Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Dennis K. Rathbun", is written over a printed name.

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Representative Frank Pallone