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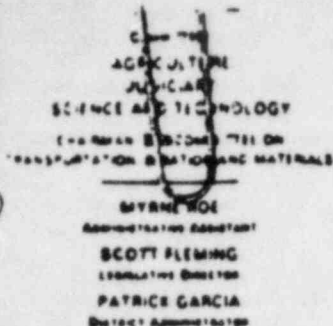
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I would appreciate this information as quickly as possible.

With best regards,

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a member of the Kansas Legislature, I am deeply concerned with the approaching conditional licensure of the Wolf Creek electrical generating station. It is my understanding that this licensure may occur in spite of the fact that open investigations exist into matters such as alleged construction defects and quality assurance deficiencies. Since such matters are directly relevant to the issue of plant safety, I ask for your assistance.

Correspondence between your office and the offices of Congressman Dan Glickman and Congressman John D. Dingell has been made available for our review. It is clear from a review of the Congressmen's questions and your response that:

- 1) A substantial number of structural steel welds have been found to be below accepted standards;
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I would like to express my concern and the concerns of many other Kansans relating to the safe and economical production of nuclear-generated electricity. The Wolf Creek project has been the object of scrutiny from this Legislature and from other agencies of state government. We have attempted to maximize the ability of our utility commission to review the project and determine the extent to which the ratepayers will assume construction related costs.

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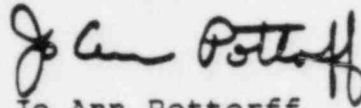
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When the power is turned on at Wolf Creek, it is essential that all questions have been answered and all safety standards met. Only these conditions will provide the needed assurances to Kansas to validate the operational integrity of the Wolf Creek plant.

I express my appreciation for your consideration of this matter and ask that my name be added to the list of other Kansas Legislators that was sent to you in a letter dated February 14, 1985.

Sincerely,



Jo Ann Pottorff
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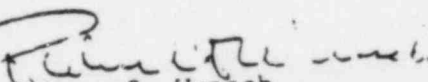
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Very truly yours,


Robert S. Wunsch
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