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The Honorable Greta Joy Dicus
Commissioner
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Commissioner Dicus:

Thank you for meeting with me and my management colleagues Mr. Robert Busch, President of Northeast Utilities' Energy Resources Group, and Mr. Ted Feigenbaum, our new Chief Nuclear Officer, as well as Dr. Elizabeth Kennan, a member of our Board of Trustees. There is no issue with a higher priority in my mind, or in the mind of our Board of Trustees, than the reestablishment of a strong foundation of trust and confidence between ourselves and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. We understand fully that only by rebuilding this foundation of trust can we satisfy the full range of public service responsibilities we bear. We also recognize that the foundation for such trust must be based on demonstrated, sustained performance.

I also hope that the June 11 meeting will contribute to the thorough and free communication of issues which will be such an essential part of our efforts to improve.

Very truly yours,

cc: E. T. Kennan
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Northeast Utilities Consulting visit

Bernard Fox, ^{Ted} F. Eizenbaum, ^{Bob} Bush, Elizabeth Kennon

Viability is threatened; not meeting obligations
to customers; need to husband nuclear technology

KCR - board needs to inform itself

- NEU / NRC relationship has been soured
- difficult, not impossible, to turn around
- need to restore public confidence
- need to rebuild margin of safety - it has
not disappeared, but it has become thinner

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