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SUBJECT: Draft Policy Statement; "Restructuring and Economic
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Gentlemen:

On September 23, 1996, NRC published a Draft Policy Statement on the Restructuring and Economic Deregulation of the Electric Utility Industry in the Federal Register (61 FR 49711). In the Federal Register notice, the NRC invited comments on the Draft Policy Statement. TU Electric appreciates the opportunity to provide the following comments concerning the Draft Policy Statement.

As state and federal regulators engage in discussions concerning the possibility of further restructuring in the electric industry, it is essential that the potential impacts of restructuring on the operation and decommissioning of the nation's nuclear generating stations be thoroughly evaluated. Accordingly, TU Electric supports the NRC's stated policy goal of working closely with state and federal regulators to enhance cooperation and to ensure that regulators are adequately educated on nuclear topics, especially safety-related operational and financial concerns.

TU Electric believes that in finalizing the Policy Statement, the NRC should be careful to avoid making unwarranted assumptions regarding future events. For example, while state and federal regulators and policy makers are currently discussing the possibility for further restructuring of the electric industry, such restructuring or a movement to increased competition cannot be said to be inevitable. Language that indicates otherwise should be deleted from the Policy Statement.

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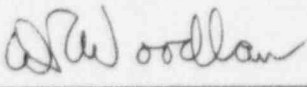
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