



DIVISION OF
CORPORATE REGULATION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Mr. C. Merritt Pumphrey
Clerk of Circuit Court for Howard County
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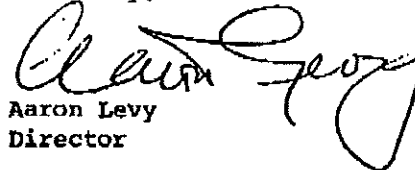
Dear Mr. Pumphrey:

I am writing to request that Mr. James L. Akers, Jr., the Chief of the Branch of Public Utility Regulation of this Division, be excused from jury duty. If Mr. Akers were required to serve, it would have a serious detrimental effect on the operation of this Division.

We have a very small staff involved in the regulation of public utility companies, which you undoubtedly know are facing very serious problems at the present time. Mr. Akers' workload is very heavy and I have no one else that could replace him for even a very short period of time. For example, Mr. Akers is responsible for the regulation of General Public Utilities Corporation, the owner of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, which has required, and is expected to continue to require, his constant attention as a result of the nuclear accident at the plant.

In summary, Mr. Akers has a critical position in national energy regulation and his position has become even more sensitive because of recent events. He is currently handling matters which require his daily attention and for which no one else could replace him. Therefore, I strongly urge that he be excused from jury duty at this time.

Sincerely,


Aaron Levy
Director