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Ms. Carol Hanlon  
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**Re: Comments in Response to Notice 66 FR 43850  
Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain Repository**

Dear Ms. Hanlon:

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission supports the recommendation of the Yucca Mountain, Nevada, site as a permanent repository for spent nuclear fuel and high level nuclear waste. In response to the specific query made by the Department of Energy, our Commission agrees that the Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation (PSSE) supports placing a recommendation of site development before the President.

Pennsylvania is the location of many of the nuclear units that support the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection. These are base-load units which provide reliability and economic benefits to the entire region. Unfortunately, the lack of a federal repository has led to extensive pool and dry cask storage at nuclear unit sites within our state. This presents a potential safety and security issue that is best resolved through endorsement and development of the Yucca Mountain site. It has long been our contention that federal law requires the opening of a permanent repository, and we agree that the Yucca Mountain site is now ready for recommendation for development.

If you have any questions in reference to this, please contact me directly at the address, above, or at (717) 783-7349.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen Thomas".

GLEN R. THOMAS  
Chairman