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Mr. John Rowe, CEO & President
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Dear Mr. Rowe,

Please correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm under the impression that in August of this year Exelon Corporation transferred the two licenses of its Zion's Dual Nuclear Plant to Zion Solutions, LLC to perform the decommissioning of this valuable energy-producing facility with its massive potential of 2100 MWE (Megawatts of Energy). This comes at the same time that you are strongly opposing the capacity increase by Tenaska.

Exelon Corporation made the decision to place its Zion Dual Nuclear Plant in Safe/Storage back in 1998. The reason given at the time was "economics." I understand that the claim continues to be that it is not "economically feasible" to restart Zion.

The dual Zion Plants are still relatively young. Some folks say that they have decades of safe, clean, non-polluting, less expensive, 24/7 base-loaded electricity generation left to produce, and that the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) is receptive to extending operating licenses after review and approval of satisfactory maintenance and upgrade records. Can you share with me the study or studies that led to the conclusion to decommission?

As an Illinois policy-maker, I am deeply concerned about the supply of energy and the effect of supply on future electricity prices to Illinois consumers. Wind and solar seem to be of small consequence and subsidized heavily as far as they impact supply and price.

I am also under the impression that there is a moratorium in place in Illinois that forbids the construction of new nuclear plants until there is a national repository to store the waste. Is this the case?

Some constituents suspect that Exelon has kept the two Zion Nuclear-Fueled Plants (that customers have already paid for) closed in order to keep these safe, green, non-polluting electricity generating plants out of the grid to keep electricity prices higher for Exelon's other generating facilities? Can you show me why this isn't true?

Why didn't Exelon sell these two Zion electricity-generating plants?

Thank you for helping me understand the decisions that Exelon is making.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Lauzen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christopher J. Lauzen

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