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Attention: Document Control Desk
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**SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 2 AND 3
DOCKET NOS. 52-022 AND 52-023
PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION SUPPORTING THE
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

- References:
1. Letter from Donald E. Palmrose (NRC) to John Elnitsky (PEC), dated January 13, 2011, "Request for Additional Information for the Environmental Review of the Combined License Application for the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Units 2 and 3"
 2. Letter from John Elnitsky (PEC) to U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), dated March 31, 2011, "Response to Request for Additional Information for the Environmental Review – Need for Power", Serial: NPD-NRC-2011-030

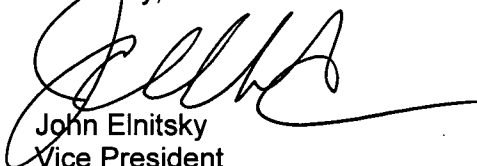
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC) hereby submits a proposed schedule for updating the Need for Power information previously provided in response (Reference 2) to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) requests for additional information provided in Reference 1.

Progress Energy is continuing to evaluate the Need for Power for Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3 (HAR) in order to provide the information needed to complete the environmental review. However, this review must be considered in light of the pending merger between Progress Energy and Duke Energy that may impact the ultimate Need for Power analysis for HAR. The closing date for this merger is tentatively set for July 1, 2012. Following the merger, Progress Energy and Duke Energy can more readily assess the Need for Power of HAR in light of the new company's mix of existing and planned generation. We therefore plan to update the Need for Power information by the end of 2012. We recognize and acknowledge that this may delay the HAR COLA review but resolution of the proposed merger is needed to fully address questions regarding the Need for Power analysis.

If you have any further questions, or need additional information, please contact Bob Kitchen at (919) 546-6992, or me at (727) 820-4481.

Sincerely,



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