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The Honorable David Price
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Price:

I am responding to your letter dated June 22, 2000, addressed to Chairman Richard A. Meserve, in which you request reassurance from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) that the process for evaluating the waste storage expansion proposal of the Carolina Power & Light Company is fair, protective of the public safety and open to public participation and comment. As noted in your letter, the Commission with respect to an active proceeding such as the Shearon Harris proceeding, must remain impartial because of its appellate role. Thus, I trust that you will understand that the Commission can not comment on the concerns expressed in your letter.

A copy of your letter and this response will be placed in the Shearon Harris hearing docket and served on the parties to the proceeding.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Annette L. Vietti-Cook

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY) Docket No. 50-400-LA
)
(Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant))

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland,
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