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Docket Nos. 50-324  
and 50-325 ✓

Mr. F. S. Colby, Senior  
Vice President  
Operating and Engineering  
Group  
Carolina Power & Light Company  
336 Fayetteville Street  
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Dear Mr. Colby:

This is in reply to your request dated September 25, 1969, for an exemption from the provisions of Section 50.10(b), 10 CFR Part 50 of the Commission's rules, pursuant to Section 50.12 of the rules to permit the performance of certain work at the site of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant prior to the issuance of a construction permit by the Commission.

You stated that the requested work is needed to permit construction of the plant to proceed on a schedule that would make the plant available for commercial operation in the spring of 1974. You maintain that delays at this time will significantly affect the ability of your system to meet the public need for power generation. The requested work consists of (1) pouring of concrete for the foundation mats of both reactor buildings and (2) the placement of necessary piping, grounding, conduits, floor drains, and other embedded items associated with the performance of (1). We noted in the attached drawings that the personnel access and equipment hatches are still shown between the pump rooms; however, it is our understanding that they have been eliminated and that the rooms are essentially water tight.

We have reviewed your request for an exemption under the provisions of Section 50.12 and the reasons set forth in the support thereof, and have concluded that the granting of the proposed exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby authorizes you to construct those portions of the reactor facilities heretofore mentioned and described and requested in your letter of September 25, 1969, prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

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I wish to emphasize that the granting of this exemption shall have no bearing upon the subsequent granting or denial of the construction permit for the proposed Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, and any work performed pursuant to this exemption shall be performed entirely at the risk of the Carolina Power and Light Company. Furthermore, the granting of this exemption does not constitute an approval of the type or adequacy of the method of its installation.

Sincerely,

( signed ) Harold L. Price

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Director of Regulation

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