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Secretary
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attn.: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Subject: **Proposed Rule - Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in a Proposed Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, (64 FR 8640 - February 22, 1999)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

These are Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) comments related to the Proposed Rule, Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in a Proposed Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, noticed in 64 FR 8640 on February 22, 1999.

CP&L encourages the NRC to consider those comments made by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear power industry.

Specifically, CP&L notes the importance of maintaining the current schedule for this rulemaking. Limitations on spent fuel storage capacity at reactor sites, the significant economic burden, and the adverse public perception of continued on-site storage make it imperative that decisions affecting the repository program be made in a timely manner. CP&L also supports a less-formal legislative-style hearing process and agrees that informal hearings allow for both greater efficiency and greater openness.

Please contact me at (919) 546-4579 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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