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Mark J. Langer, Clerk United States Court of Appeals for The District of Columbia Circuit United States Courthouse 333 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20001-2866

RE: Orange County, North Carolina v. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Case

Nos. 01-1073 & 01-1246 (consolidated) (D.C. Cir.)

Dear Mr. Langer:

Please file the enclosed "Brief for the Federal Respondents" in the above-captioned case. This is a deferred appendix case. These are the final briefs, with the appendix references filled in. I therefore have enclosed an original and fourteen copies of our brief pursuant to Local Rule 31.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this letter to indicate date of receipt and return it to me in the enclosed envelope, postage pre-paid, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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John F. Cordes, Jr. Solicitor

cc: Diane Curran, Esq. John H. O'Neill, Esq. Ron Spritzer, Esq.