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Before Administrative Judges:

Thomas S. Moore, Chairman Dr. Charles N. Kelber Dr. Peter S. Lam

In the Matter of

DUKE COGEMA STONE & WEBSTER (Savannah River Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility) Docket No. 070-03098-ML

ASLBP No. 01-790-01-ML

September 9, 2003

<u>ORDER</u> (Granting GANE's Request for Release of Information)

On September 8, 2003, counsel for Georgians Against Nuclear Energy (GANE) submitted a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Licensing Board in this proceeding requesting a determination on whether counsel's paraphrase of certain information from a closed hearing on August 5, 2003 regarding the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility Construction Authorization Request may be publicly released. By an order issued that same day, the Licensing Board indicated it would treat the letter request as a motion and directed the NRC Staff and Duke Cogema Stone & Webster (DCS) to respond immediately stating their position on whether the material at issue could be publicly released. Specifically, the information concerns a statement made by counsel for the NRC Staff at the August 5 hearing correcting a statement made by the NRC Staff in a non-proprietary summary disposition response brief filed June 5, 2003.

Although the Board will not rule on GANE counsel's request with respect to her paraphrase of the information at issue, the information contained on page 8, line 4 through page 9, line 6 of the transcript of the August 5, 2003 oral argument is not proprietary information.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD¹

/RA/

Thomas S. Moore ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

September 9, 2003

¹Copies of this Order were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission to (1) GANE; (2) BREDL; (3) DCS; and (4) the NRC Staff.

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Docket No. 70-3098-ML

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB ORDER (GRANTING GANE'S REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION) have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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