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Subject: Duke Energy COL App. (Federal Register/ March 20, 2008/Page 15009)

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to represent the interests of House District 29, which includes portions of Cherokee, Chester and York Counties, in the South Carolina General Assembly. While my district encompasses three counties, I am proud to call Cherokee County my home. I know South Carolina, and in particular I know Cherokee County. As a State Representative, I support the Duke Energy project because I strongly believe it will benefit the people of House District 29. As a high-growth state, South Carolina needs additional safe and reliable sources of base load electric generation. Our citizens have already benefited greatly from the seven reactors that are currently being operated in South Carolina, and we enjoy some of the lowest electric rates in the country.

The South Carolina General Assembly has declared the development of new nuclear energy an important part of our State's future energy needs. In fact, the importance of renewable energy resources and nuclear energy under the South Carolina Energy Efficiency Act is under current debate in the General Assembly. As passed by the House, Senate Bill 360 includes provisions to ensure that any future energy strategy that promotes carbon-free, non-greenhouse gas emitting sources includes nuclear energy and renewable energy resources. The Senate's version of the bill only has provisions relating to the definition of the term "renewable energy resources" and that definition includes nuclear energy. As the House and Senate have passed different versions of the bill, a conference committee has been appointed.

This is not the first time the South Carolina General Assembly has addressed the importance of nuclear energy. In May 2006, the General Assembly approved a concurrent resolution supporting the need for electric utilities to build new nuclear power plants in South Carolina and to urge the South Carolina Public Service Commission to encourage such consideration.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "A good neighbor is a very desirable thing." Please know that South Carolina considers nuclear energy providers as good neighbors with a proven track record. The legislation under current debate and the May 2006 resolution are clear signs that South Carolina believes in nuclear energy, believes in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide strict oversight, believes in the Public Service Commission to protect consumers and believes that our electric utilities can continue their proven track record of safely operating nuclear plants.

I encourage you to approve the license application for the Lee Nuclear Station. This project enjoys strong support at the both the local and state levels. Enclosed for your review are both pieces of legislation referenced in this letter. If you have any questions about the enclosed materials or if I may provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rep. Dennis Moss

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
1976, BY ADDING SECTION 48-52-215 TO DEFINE
“RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES” FOR PURPOSES OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACT.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South
Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 2, Chapter 52, Title 48 of the 1976 Code is
amended by adding:

“Section 48-52-215. For purposes of this chapter, ‘renewable
energy resources’ means solar photovoltaic energy, solar thermal
energy, wind power, hydroelectric, geothermal energy, tidal
energy, recycling, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable
resources, biomass energy, nuclear energy, and landfill gas.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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South Carolina General Assembly
117th Session, 2007-2008

S. 360

STATUS INFORMATION

General Bill

Sponsors: Senator Grooms

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Introduced in the Senate on January 31, 2007

Introduced in the House on May 31, 2007

Last Amended on February 27, 2008

Currently residing in conference committee

Summary: Energy Efficiency Act

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Date	Body	Action Description with journal page number
1/31/2007	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-8
1/31/2007	Senate	Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-8
5/24/2007	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-21
5/29/2007	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted SJ-39
5/29/2007	Senate	Read second time SJ-39
5/30/2007	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-15
5/31/2007	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-15
5/31/2007	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs HJ-15
1/30/2008	House	Committee report: Favorable Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs HJ-1
1/31/2008	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Lowe and Witherspoon HJ-31
2/5/2008	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Merrill, Bingham, Ballentine, Huggins, Spires, Toole, Shoopman, Brady, JH Neal, Agnew, Hiott, Jefferson, Umphlett, Skelton, Hosey, Scott, Erickson, Miller, Scarborough, Stavrinakis, Bedingfield, JR Smith, GR Smith, Leach, Hodges, Brantley, Davenport, Mitchell, Mahaffey, Gullick, Kirsh, Crawford, Young, Branham, Herbkersman, and R Brown HJ-32
2/5/2008	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 6, 2008 HJ-50
2/6/2008	House	Amended HJ-24
2/6/2008	House	Read second time HJ-26
2/6/2008	House	Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-0 HJ-26
2/7/2008	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-38
2/27/2008	Senate	House amendment amended SJ-18
2/27/2008	Senate	Returned to House with amendments SJ-18
2/28/2008		Scrivener's error corrected
3/5/2008	House	Non-concurrence in Senate amendment
3/5/2008	Senate	Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Ryberg, Hutto and Grooms SJ-18
3/6/2008	House	Conference committee appointed Reps. Loftis, Hagood, and Agnew HJ-1

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VERSIONS OF THIS BILL

1/31/2007

5/24/2007

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1 HOUSE AMENDMENTS AMENDED

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9 Read the first time January 31, 2007.

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Introduced by Representatives Sandifer and Cato.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO ADVANCE THE NEED FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO BUILD NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO URGE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE SUCH CONSIDERATION.

WHEREAS, the demand for electricity in the State of South Carolina is growing, and it is in our best interest for South Carolina utilities to produce the needed electricity in our State through the development of new nuclear power plants; and

WHEREAS, nuclear power plants enhance South Carolina's economic competitiveness by producing electricity at stable prices, helping to retain existing industry and to attract new business while also making a substantial economic contribution to the State in the form of significant capital investment, jobs, and tax base; and

WHEREAS, nuclear power plants produce electricity at high levels of safety and reliability, while emitting no greenhouse or acid rain gases; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the 2005 Energy Bill, providing a number of incentives that function to encourage electric utilities to pursue nuclear energy to reduce dependence on energy supplies from unstable parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Service Commission are the appropriate state agencies to promote the construction of nuclear power plants by South Carolina utilities and to articulate the necessity for utilities to take reasonable steps to maintain the nuclear generation option in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE,

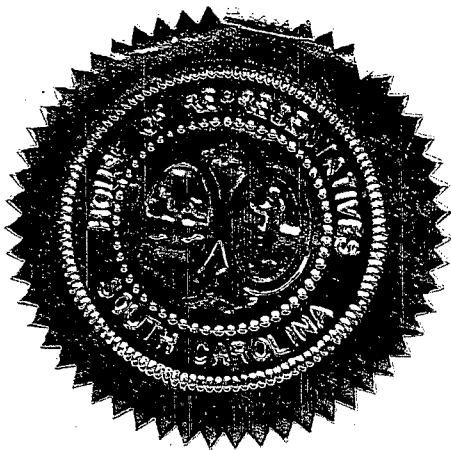
BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

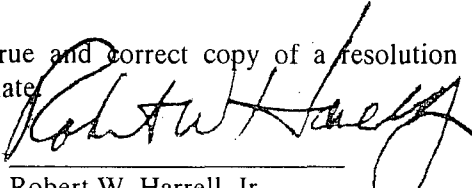
THAT the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, advance the need for electric utilities to build new nuclear power plants in South Carolina and urge the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Service Commission to encourage such consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the Public Service Commission and to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

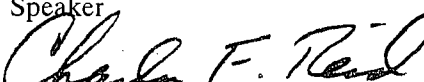
State of South Carolina
In the House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina
June 1, 2006

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed in the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate.





Robert W. Harrell, Jr.
Speaker



Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House