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Hello: Attached is a cover letter and resolution from the Holly Springs Town Council in Holly Springs, N.C. I was advised to send this document via email to this address. Please process as your office requires in response to a request for comments for an EIS to support review of Progress Energy's application for two new reactors. The deadline for these comments to be submitted is July 25. Thank you.

Joni Powell, CMC

Town Clerk

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THE TOWN OF

Holly Springs

Via email July 18, 2008 to harris.coleis@nrc.gov

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Re: HAR COL EIS

**Re: NRC Request for Information on
Environmental Impact Statement related to Progress Energy's Proposed
Harris Units 2 & 3 near Holly Springs, North Carolina**

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of the attached resolution is to provide information for consideration by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding an environmental impact statement in support of the review of Progress Energy's application for a combined license (HAR COL) for two Westinghouse Advanced Passive 1000 Pressurized Water Reactors designated as Harris Units 2 and 3 at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

In a regular meeting of the Town of Holly Springs, N.C. Town Council July 15, 2008, council members discussed and adopted the attached Resolution 08-36. The resolution states certain findings and then suggests certain action steps that might address those environmental and public safety concerns, particularly as they relate to the proposed raising of Harris Lake.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information and should you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to call me at (919) 557-3901 or Holly Springs Town Manager Carl Dean at (919) 557-3902.

Sincerely,

Dick Sears
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Holly Springs Town Council
Carl Dean, Holly Springs Town Manager
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THE TOWN OF

Holly Springs

Resolution No.: 08-36

Date Submitted: July 15, 2008

Date Adopted: July 15, 2008

**RESOLUTION OF THE HOLLY SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
PROVIDING COMMENTS TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RELATED TO
PROGRESS ENGERGY'S APPLICATION FOR TWO NEW REACTORS**

WHEREAS, Progress Energy on Feb. 19, 2008 submitted an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (HAR COL) for two Westinghouse Advanced Passive 1000 Pressurized Water Reactors designated as Harris Units 2 and 3 at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, NRC officials have advised the public that the NRC is gathering information necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement in support of the review of the application for the HAR COL; and

WHEREAS, the environmental scoping process is focused on those issues affecting the human environment including radiological effects, ecological effects, socioeconomic effects, and effects on the physical environment, but NRC officials have advised the Town that comments regarding safety also may be submitted to NRC representatives who will forward those concerns to NRC staff preparing a separate safety review; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Holly Springs is the closest incorporated municipality to the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, and local municipal officials desire to provide insights regarding environmental issues that are important to the community, together with some public safety and socioeconomic comments;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Holly Springs Town Council that it makes and accepts the following findings for consideration of the NRC:

1. Progress Energy has stated in an environmental report that it intends to raise the level of Harris Lake to maintain the proposed operating water level of the main reservoir at 240 feet; and
2. the Town of Holly Springs has the ability to provide Progress Energy with re-use water or treated wastewater originating from Utley Creek (a tributary to Harris Lake) that may reduce the need to raise the operating water level to 240 feet, which, in turn, might mitigate negative environmental impacts of such an increase and would benefit the environment, the applicant and the Town of Holly Springs; and
3. the Town has commissioned a modeling study for Utley Creek having the conclusion that additional flow volume in Utley Creek would be environmentally beneficial to the creek and Harris Lake as a whole; and

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4. irrespective of the modeling study, the State of North Carolina has shown a preference for removing all discharge from Utley Creek and requiring the Town to discharge below the Buckhorn Dam in the Cape Fear River, depriving Harris Lake and the applicant of an additional water resource from the Town; and
5. the construction of the two additional reactors and the raising of Harris Lake would have secondary impacts to the Town of Holly Springs, and the Town's and the State of North Carolina's responses to these impacts should be considered as affects on the socioeconomic vitality of the community; and
6. secondary impacts would include the need to widen and resurface roads to provide adequate evacuation; and
7. if Harris Lake is to be raised to 240 feet, two primary evacuation routes will not be accessible because the existing bridges at New Hill Road and Friendship Road will be flooded over and rendered inaccessible, posing both an environmental and a public safety concern; and
8. if Harris Lake is to be raised to 240 feet, Harris Lake Park operated by Wake County will be flooded and eliminated for the county's park system if not replaced; and
9. Progress Energy owns approximately 32% of the Town of Holly Springs' planning and future growth area, as specified in Vision Holly Springs: Town of Holly Springs Comprehensive Plan, adopted in November 2007; and
10. with so much of the Town of Holly Springs future growth area owned by the applicant, the socioeconomic environment of the community would be protected if the applicant were to provide for private sale and/or development of any property in excess of what would be needed for the raised lake levels;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Holly Springs Town Council desires that the NRC address the environmental, socioeconomic and public safety concerns and findings of the Town by requiring the applicant to:

1. study the issue of Holly Springs' removal of its wastewater discharge from Utley Creek to determine whether such discharge is beneficial, neutral, or adverse to the environment with respect to the increased lake level as necessitated by the applicant;
2. consider options for disposing of excess applicant-owned property to promote and protect the economic and socioeconomic environment of the community of Holly Springs; and
3. provide assurances that Harris Lake Park will be relocated and replaced in cooperation with Town of Holly Springs and/or Wake County Parks and Recreation Departments; and
4. be required, as a part of its issuance of a COL, to reconstruct, widen and otherwise improve the bridges on New Hill Road and Friendship Road and the Avent Ferry Road evacuation route to a four-lane median-divided roadway as called for on the Town of Holly Springs Transportation Improvement Plan, or obtain adequate assurances from NCDOT or the U.S. Department of Transportation that the work will be done expediently.

Adopted this, the 15th day of July, 2008.

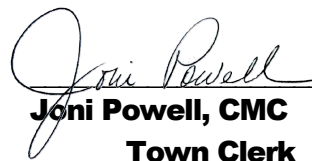


Dick Sears, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Joni Powell, CMC
Town Clerk

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