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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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**SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UNITS 2 AND 3
DOCKET NOS. 52-022 AND 52-023
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION –
PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In recent discussions with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the NRC Staff, it has become apparent that a clear statement of purpose and need would facilitate drafting of the Environmental Impact Statement and future Section 404 permitting (33 CFR 320.1). Consequently, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. plans to add the following statement to Section 1.0 of the Environmental Report in a future revision to the Combined Operating License Application for the Harris Nuclear Plant Units 2 and 3:

The proposed project is the development of new baseload generating capacity to supply electricity to Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.'s service area, using advanced technology to produce reliable generation that is located proximate to its major customer base and that minimizes overall impacts to the environment.

If you have questions, please contact Bob Kitchen at (919) 546-6992 or me at (919) 546-6107.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 23, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Garry D. Miller'.

Garry D. Miller
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