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NRC Hearing: Duke Energy Proposed Nuclear Power Reactor at Gaffney Key Points from Mary Olson, NIRS Southeast

- Duke started two reactors here 30 years ago – and then canceled. There was NO “benefit” to “off-set” ANY environmental impact
- On what basis does the Federal Regulator stand here with a straight face talking about “benefit” to justify “cost” to the Broad River and other aspects of the Piedmont environment?

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- The National Environmental Policy Act EXPLICITLY recognizes “truncation” as a key issue when it comes to the potential for federal actions to negatively impact our environment – that the integrated totality of federal activity must be assessed – not just in pieces that exclude the larger picture

failed to state in oral comments

- On what basis does the Federal Regulator justify holding a scoping hearing on TWO power plants that are but 1/3 of the projected federally licensed power plants to be impacting the Broad River? Six power plants: Cliffside, Summer x 3 and William States Lee x 2 are all in licensing actions now. Why is there no process that will assess ALL of those impacts – cumulative, synergistic and additive?

- Why is NRC proceeding with this review when it is CLEAR that Duke is lacking funding for this project? It is reported that Duke is having secret meetings with “leaders” in the NC State legislature – because it must CHANGE NC LAW in order to get the money for this project.
- Duke requires DELEGATED TAXATION for the construction of this site – effectively collecting money from its customers that is not fee for service...and will NOT be refunded if the site in Cherokee County is canceled for a second time.
- The water withdrawals from the Broad River are in direct conflict with drinking water needs of Columbia, SC and will have its greatest impact during draught when the water needs of the City will be greatest.
- Every form of power that uses FUEL makes WASTE – and in the case of uranium fuel – it is waste that causes cancer, birth defects, and no one wants
- The Federal Regulator must give FULL DISCLOSURE: NRC is considering revisions for the licensing of on-site storage of high-level nuclear waste for up to several CENTURIES...it is already up to 120 years.
- **William States Lee if it goes on-line will be a high-level nuclear waste dump for the foreseeable future.**