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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

We have recently become aware of an order issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to Duke Power Company to complete certain work at their Oconee Nuclear Station prior to February 15 or face a shut down of these units at that time.

*Wt wanted to hear 15 and would be further extended if grid still short of power. Do you need it formal reply?*

As Electricities of North Carolina, a voluntary non-profit association that serves the interests of 67 North Carolina municipal electric systems, 21 of which purchase their all requirements wholesale power supply from Duke Power Company, we are very concerned about the adequacy and reliability of this power supply and the impact upon that supply which this latest order may impose.

We find it very difficult to understand why these units that have successfully operated and continue to operate in an efficient and safe manner cannot be allowed to shut down sequentially, as proposed by Duke Power Company, to incorporate these latest modifications. The replacement power costs involved with a sequential shut down would be significant, but a simultaneous shut down of these units could cause an intolerable situation for our cities if the electrical load demand cannot be met by their supplier, Duke Power Company.

We respectfully request your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph W. Shaw*

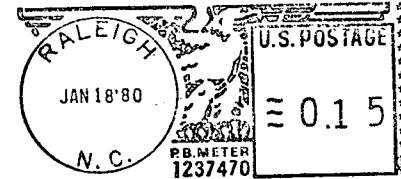
Ralph W. Shaw  
Executive Director

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- cc: The Honorable Fred E. Turnage
- Mr. Robert Fischback
- Mr. Jack Neel
- Mr. Larry Porter

*Spoke with Bill Wemhoff (Ralph Shaw was not available) on 2/20/80 940 was satisfied but would like a letter in follow-up - Sheryl Vookey*

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