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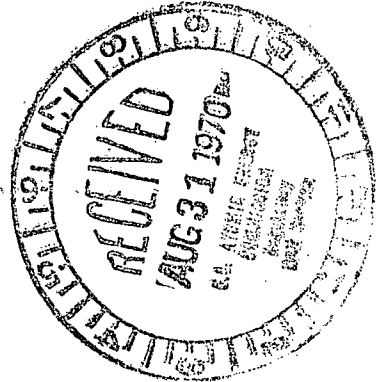
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Harold L. Price
Director of Regulations
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545



Dear Mr. Price:

This is in reply to your letter of July 23, 1970, which requested comments on the environmental report of the Duke Power Company for its proposed power station which is to be known as the Oconee Nuclear Station and is part of the Keowee-Toxaway Project, which is currently under construction.

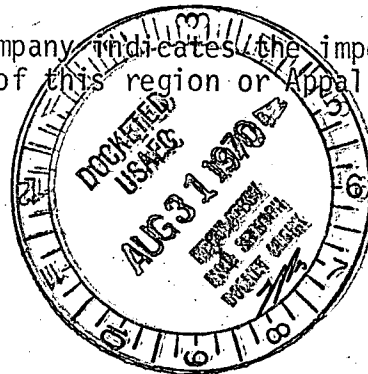
The Federal Power Commission issued a license in September 1966 which authorized Duke Power Company to proceed with the Keowee-Toxaway Project. This project is located at the meeting of the Piedmont Hills and the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains in Oconee and Pickens County, South Carolina and Transylvania County, North Carolina, and along the Keowee River and its tributaries. Construction of the Keowee Hydro Station, the Jocassee Hydro Station with pumped storage, and the Oconee Nuclear Station will result in an initial power capacity of 3,408,000 kilowatts. The long-range expectation of the project is to achieve electric generating capacity of 10 million kilowatts. The Oconee Station itself would consist of three units of 886,300 kw each, utilizing pressurized water type reactors.

HUD Comment

We believe, with the reservations noted below, that Duke Power's statement indicates reasonable treatment of environmental consequences. We defer to other agencies on standards for air and water quality, safety, and radiation and thermal pollution standards.

HUD Reservation

1. The statement from Duke Power Company indicates the importance of this project to the economic development of this region or Appalachia



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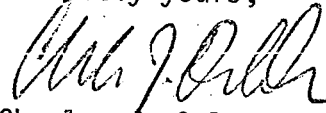
The Company states that these plans are being coordinated with the planning agencies of the two counties involved. However, the impact of this project will extend well beyond these local counties and we therefore suggest that the final environmental impact statement should be submitted to the agency designated in Budget Bureau Circular A-95 as the regional planning clearing-house. In this case, the designated agency is:

South Carolina Appalachian Regional
Planning and Development Commission
Dalton Building
18 Thompson Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

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We would appreciate having a copy of the final environmental statement sent to our Regional Administrator, Mr. Edward Baxter, Peachtree-Seventh Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30323.

Sincerely yours,



Charles J. Orlebeke
Deputy Under Secretary