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State of South Carolina
Water Resources Commission



Clair P. Guess, Jr.
Executive Director

January 11, 1972

Mr. Lester Rogers, Director
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

The South Carolina Water Resources Commission is the clearinghouse for State Governmental agency comments on Atomic Energy Commission's environmental statements. Upon receipt of the Atomic Energy Commission's draft environmental statement relating to the application by Duke Power Company for an operating permit for Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 1, copies were furnished to interested State agencies for review and comment. A list of those agencies is attached. Those agencies wishing to comment were asked to have their comments in the Water Resources Commission's office on or before January 10, 1972. Attached to this letter are agency comments.

The Staff of the Water Resources Commission has reviewed the draft environmental statement and is of the opinion that operating the Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 1 will have less adverse environmental effects than its alternatives. Therefore, the Commission urges the granting of an operating permit.

Sincerely,

Clair P. Guess, Jr.
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Enclosures

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Dear Clair:

The major impact of the Keowee-Toxaway Power Project on the forest resources of South Carolina resulted from the conversion of 26,000 acres from woodland to lakes. This has already occurred. Some additional land will be diverted from timber production for transmission line rights of way, intensive recreation use, and residential purposes. Some of this conversion would occur whether or not this particular project was constructed.

It is expected that the remaining woodland acres will be managed by the company with multiple use as the objective. Duke Power Company has for a number of years practiced good forest management on their forest lands in South Carolina. Timber production, wildlife habitat, protection, watershed protection, recreation and other multiple use considerations should be a part of the overall land use planning and result in no additional adverse impact on the forest resources of the area.

The Forestry Commission has no objection to this project. We believe there will be no additional adverse environmental or ecological impact to the forest resources except that which has already occurred when the 26,000 acres were diverted from forest land to lakes.

The description of the forest resource impact is covered on page 69, item 2 - Terrestrial Impact. The impact discussed on these pages appear to be normal and unavoidable.

Very truly yours,

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