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Clair P. Guess, Jr. Executive Director

> Mr. Lester Rogers, Director Division of Radiological and Environmental Protection United States Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D. C. 29545

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Reference is made to a letter with enclosures dated January 11, 1972, to your office from Mr. Clair P. Guess, Jr., Executive Director, South Carolina Water Resources Commission. That letter and enclosures were assigned docket numbers 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287. During the period from January 18 through January 21, 1972, we received additional comments from State agencies on the Draft Enfironmental Statement relating to the application by Duke Power Company for an operating permit for Oconee 1. For your information, I have attached copies of these comments.

Sincerely yours,

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Glenn W. Dukes Water Resources Engineer

GWD:fw Enclosures January 17, 1972

Mr. Glenn W. Dukes **Civil Engineer** S. C. Water Resources Commission 2414 Bull Street Columbia, S. C. 29201

Dear Mr. Dukes:

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism does not have the scientific expertise available to make a meaningful statement on the environmental impact submission of Duke Power Company for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit One.

Sincerely,

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Maxwell M. Way, Jr. Economist

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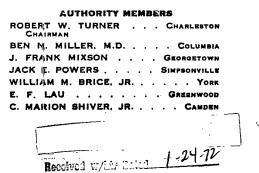
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Mr. Clair P. Guess, Jr. Executive Director S. C. Water Resources Commission 2414 Bull Street Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Guess:

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We have reviewed the environmental impact statement prepared on the Oconee Nuclear Station being built by Duke Power Company on the Keowee Reservoir. There is no information presented in this document which is in conflict with that presented to us at an earlier date. This agency issued a construction permit for this particular installation on November 19, 1970. This permit provided for the discharge of 3,040 million gallons of water per day. Data presented at that time indicated that this discharge will meet the requirements of the laws of this State.

Based on the information previously presented to this agency as well as that in the impact statement, this agency is of the opinion that there will be no contravention of the air pollution laws of this State.

It is recognized that this project does modify the environment in the area involved, and that there has been a long time commitment of resources for the purpose indicated. The report discusses these considerations fully and frankly, all of the modifications and commitments have, however, been in keeping with those laws which are administered by this agency. We do not, therefore, enter any objections to this project at this time. The emission of air contaminants from an operation of this type will be less than that from Mr. Clair P. Guess, Jr. Executive Director S. C. Water Resources Commission January 20, 1972 Page 2

fossil fuel plants. The volume of solid waste (fly ash) will be negligible from this plant. There will, however, be a small volume of radioactive waste that must be disposed of.

This agency is in the process of issuing a water quality certificate to the Corps of Engineers as required by the Refuse Act. We anticipate no problems in this respect.

Yours very truly,

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Executive Director

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January 20, 1972

Mr. Clair P. Guess, Jr. Executive Director Water Resources Commission 2414 Bull Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Guess:

Reference Mr. Glenn Dukes' letter of December 17, 1971, and the attached Draft of the Detailed Statement of the Environmental Considerations by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Related to the Proposed Issuance of an Operating License for Duke Power Company for its Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1.

The subject report has been reviewed by this Department and this review indicates that much of the information within the document has been presented or discussed in earlier reports or hearings in which this Department was given an opportunity to comment.

There are several points within the proposed operating procedures which this Department does wish to comment on. The first of these relates to water level fluctuations as found on page 38 of the subject report. This states that these fluctuations are restricted over an unspecified time to a three feet maximum for Lake Keowee and six feet maximum for Lake Jocassee. Earlier in a letter by Mr. William S. Lee, it was stated that the maximum daily fluctuations of two and four feet may be experienced. The point which I wish to raise at this time is that the more important species of fish which will inhabit these bodies of water use the edge of the impoundment for spawning, which is usually four feet or less in depth. Therefore, such fluctuations could have severe detrimental effects on the fishery resources in both reservoirs. It would be hoped that some procedures may worked out between the Power Company and this Department to insure more stable water levels during the spawning periods.

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The referenced report is the first acknowledgment made that thermal intrusions are expected to occur in Hartwell (See page 49). This would appear to be a structural change which may have significant effects on the heat budget on Lake Keowee especially if large amounts of heated effluents are syphoned off to Hartwell, it is regretted that greater opportunity was not provided to fully evaluate this situation.

This Department appreciates the opportunity of reviewing this draft and making the above comments.

Very truly yours,

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