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August 25, 2016

Secretary Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-001

Case Number: 00030557

Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook:

We are pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the William State Lee II Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 combined licensing process. Nuclear power is an essential component of North Carolina's all-of-the-above strategy to provide homes and businesses with clean, reliable, and affordable energy. It is also the primary reason that half of the electricity consumed in North Carolina is generated by carbon-free, zero emissions power generation facilities.

North Carolina customers have benefitted from combined dispatch and diversity since the merger of Duke Energy and Progress Energy in 2012. These operating synergies should be reflected in the alternative site consideration. Expanding the region of interest to include the Duke Energy Progress area may identify a more suitable location with closer proximity to load centers.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please direct any questions to Jenny Kelvington, Executive Director of the Energy Group at [jenny.kelvington@ncdenr.gov](mailto:jenny.kelvington@ncdenr.gov) or (919)707-8481.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Donald R. van der Vaart". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a blue circular scribble.

Secretary Donald R. van der Vaart  
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality

cc'd: Office of Community and Constituent Services

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Please share this letter from Secretary van der Vaart of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality to Secretary Vietti-Cook.

Much appreciated,

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