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Honorable Stephen L. Neal
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: DUKE POWER COMPANY
(Perkins Nuclear Station,
Units 1, 2 and 3)

Dear Mr. Neal:

Your telegram of April 2, 1979, concerning the Duke Power Company's proposed Perkins Nuclear Plant was received by this office. At the present time the Commission is assessing the impact of the Three Mile Island experience on licensing and I will inform you of the results of that study as soon as it is available. We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Since the subject of your message concerns an adjudicatory proceeding, copies of your telegram and this reply will be served on all the parties in the Perkins proceeding and also filed in the Commission's Public Document Rooms.

Sincerely,

James R. Yore, Chairman
Atomic Safety and Licensing
Board Panel

bc: James L. Kelley, OGC
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PMS JAMES R. YORE CHAIRMAN
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD
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BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT SERIOUS SITUATION AT THE THREE
MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN PENNSYLVANIA, I
RESPECTFULLY INSIST THAT YOU HOLD UP LICENSING OF DUKE
POWER COMPANY'S PROPOSED PERKINS NUCLEAR PLANT IN NORTH
CAROLINA UNTIL ALL QUESTIONS OF NUCLEAR SAFETY ARISING
FROM THE THREE MILE ISLAND EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

THE UNFORTUNATE EVENT IN PENNSYLVANIA HAS CREATED
WIDESPREAD SUSPICION ABOUT THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWER
PLANTS, AND PUBLIC DISTRUST OF THE NUCLEAR LICENSING AND
REGULATORY PROCESS. THE SPECTRE OF NUCLEAR DISASTER LOOMS IN
THE PUBLIC MIND, IF NOT IN REALITY, AND I DO NOT BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO PROCEED WITH ANY NUCLEAR PROJECT
UNTIL A CLEAR DETERMINATION IS MADE CONCERNING THE CAUSE, EFFECT,
AND CORRECTION OF THE NEAR-DISASTER AT THREE MILE ISLAND.

STEPHEN L NEAL US CONGRESSMAN

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