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Mr. James R. Schlesinger  
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Atomic Energy Commission  
Germantown, Maryland

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission is concerned with the effect that new Atomic Energy Commission policies and requirements may have on the generation capabilities of systems within its jurisdiction. More specifically, we are concerned about any anticipated rulings on Duke Power Company's Oconee units and Carolina Power & Light Company's H. E. Robinson Unit II and Brunswick Units I and II.

We are sure that you are aware of the tremendous strain which has been placed on the generation capacity of the electric utilities in the Southeast by the delays in planning, licensing and construction of nuclear generation facilities. We wish to make you aware of our interest in the effects of any requirements which may hinder the construction of the necessary generation facilities which are needed to provide adequate, economical and efficient service to the people of our State. Due to the tremendous lead times involved in construction of generation facilities of any type, such requirements could seriously affect the welfare of the people of the Southeast.

We are aware of the responsibilities which have been placed upon the Atomic Energy Commission by recent court rulings and, as a regulatory commission, can well appreciate the pressure which the Commission is under to initiate actions which will adequately protect the environment of our country and at the same time not adversely affect the welfare of our people.

This Commission is vitally interested in the welfare of the people of our State, not only in the area of ensuring sufficient power for their needs, but also assuring that needed generation facilities will not damage the environment which supports our life cycle. To meet these ends, we would encourage the continuance of construction now in progress, and the continued operation of existing units with the stipulation that any required changes in construction may be added as the needs are determined or that any necessary modification to existing units be backfitted.

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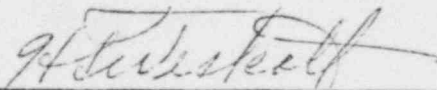
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If your findings indicate or if it is your judgment that AEC's newly adopted rules and regulations will have a significant impact in terms of additional cost or in delays in placing the proposed units in service or in maintaining generation at an existing unit, we should appreciate your advising us as soon as possible. In the instance of any adverse effects including that of long delays, we request an opportunity to be heard on the matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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