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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

In the Matter of)

DUKE POWER COMPANY)

(Amendment to Materials)
License SNM-1773 for Oconee)
Nuclear Station Spent Fuel)
Transportation and Storage)
at McGuire Nuclear Station)

Docket No. 70-2623

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL'S ~~REPLY~~ NUCLEAR REGULATORY
TO DUKE'S RESPONSE TO
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

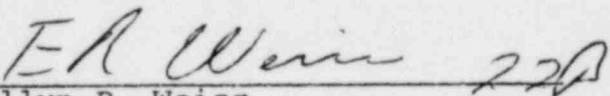



In its January 16 response to NRDC's Motion for Extension of Time, Duke acknowledges that it has no objection to NRDC's request to file its brief opposing exceptions on February 9, but for counsel's scheduled participation in other hearings on that date. Nevertheless, it is essential that NRDC be allowed to file its brief on February 9. As set out in our January 13 motion, all NRDC counsel are new to the case, and lead counsel has been continuously occupied in hearings in Harrisburg from before Thanksgiving until January 9. NRDC must respond to two briefs over the page limitation -- Duke's brief alone being 134 pages -- as well as the brief of a new intervenor. Given these facts, and the nature of the detailed issues raised (which compel a thorough analysis of the record), it is critical that NRDC be permitted to file on February 9. Such a time period would amount to four weeks for NRDC's lead counsel to become familiar with the entire case and file a brief, an extremely compressed time schedule in itself.

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Wherefore, for all the above-mentioned reasons, NRDC respectfully requests that its motion for extension of time to file brief opposing exceptions until February 9, 1981, be granted.

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