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February 4, 1981

Mr. Darlton Kammerer, Director Office of Congressional Affairs Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Kammerer:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence which I have received from Mr. Oliver T. Burnham of Berlin Heights, Ohio. I think you will find it self- explanatory.

I would appreciate your reviewing this correspondence and, if possible, providing me with a report of your findings. In this age of energy shortages, it seems to me that all deliberate speed should be utilized to ensure that nuclear power reactors become fully operational asquickly as possible.

Thank you for your kind and prompt attention to this matter, and with kindest regards and best wishes,

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Enclosure

OLIVER T. BURNHAM

Jenuary 15, 1981.

Hon. Strom Thurnond United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Thurmond:

As a substantial stockholder in South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, I am concerned with the continuing delay being encountered by that utility in completing the licensing procedure for its Summer nuclear generating plant, near Parr, S. C. Originally, it was anticipated that this facility would be in commercial operation by year end 1980. As of that date construction was 97% complete.

In a quarterly report to shareholders, just received, it is stated that, due to the tardy pace of . Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing procedure, full operation is not contemplated until June, 1982. This represents an intolerable delay, with resultant financial penalties to the company and withholding of rate benefits to the 340,000 customers.

In view of your current leadership status in the Senate, I am hoping that you can initiate some action which will result in acceleration of the NRC licensing schedule - to the benefit of all concerned - ind uding the South Carolina Public Service Authority which owns a one-third interest in the plant.

While I assume that the company has been in contact with you concerning this frustrating situation, if you need further information on which to base intercession, either arthur Williams, chairman, or Virgil Surmer, president, would be more than pleased to receive and respond to your indication of concern.

Very truly yours,