

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

April 16, 1981

The Honorable William F. Smith Attorney General Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention:

Donald A. Kaplan, Chief

Energy Section Antitrust Division

U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: Duke Power Company Catawba Nuclear Station

Units 1 and 2

NRC Docket Nos. 50-413A & 50-414A

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Under cover letter dated April 8, 1981, Duke Power Company (Duke) filed an "Application for Amendment of Construction Permit No. CPPR-117 Adding Co-Owners and Co-Applicants."

This amendment seeks to add as co-owner and co-applicant Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA) to Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 2. Duke and Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA) have executed agreements dated August 1, 1980 for the purchase of a 25% undivided ownership in Catawba 2 by PMPA. PMPA, in this transaction, represents twenty South Carolina municipalities in the Duke service area.

The most recent antitrust review of this matter was in connection with an application for an amendment to add as co-owners and co-applicants the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and the Saluda River Electric Cooperative to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1. Your advice letter in connection with that application is dated October 29, 1980.

We are transmitting herewith one copy of the information requested by the Attorney General for the antitrust review which has been accepted for the purpose of initiating the review. The material is being transmitted to afford you an opportunity to render such advice to the Commission as you determine t '- appropriate in regard to the findings to be made by the Commission pu. ant to Section 105(c) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Sincerely.

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Executive Legal Director

Enclosure: Information Requested by the Attorney General for Antitrust Review

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