UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEALS 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)

> APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO "CESG'S RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY OF INQUIRY REGARDING DUKE POWER COMPANY POSSIBLE FALSE STATEMENT"

On May 5, 1981, Intervenor, CESG, filed a "Response to Office of Inspection and Enforcement's Summary of Inquiry Regarding Duke Power Company Possible False Statement." The subject matter of Intervenor's response is an April 20, 1981 NRC Staff memorandum concerning an inquiry by the Office of Inspection and Enforcement into Duke Power Company testimony concerning the so-called cascade plan. Intervenor asserts that the Inspection and Enforcement report is either untimely or that the procedures utilized are improper. Applicant submits that Intervenor's position is in error for the following reasons.

The Office of Inspection and Enforcement is charged with investigating numerous activities including, inter alia, Dube Power Company testimony concerning the so-called cascade plan. The Office of Inspection and Enforcement has certain internal procedures and schedules for conducting its investigation and

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such should not be the subject of a challenge before this Appeal Board. Rather, the matter has been raised before the Appeal Board pursuant to the NRC Staff's longstanding policy of informing the Board and parties of various matters which may be related to the subject matter of a proceeding. Such being the case the Staff's memorandum must be viewed as simply informational in nature and does not require a response by CESG. Therefore, CESG response should be stricken.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "Applicant's Response to 'CESG's Response to Office of Inspection and Enforcement Summary of Inquiry Regarding Duke Power Company Possible False Statement'" dated May 20, 1981, in the captioned matter have been served upon the following by deposit in the United States mail this 20th day of May, 1981.

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