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Secretary of the Commission
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: Comments on Proposed Rule 10 CFR Part 50, Licensing
Requirements for Pending Operating License Applications

Dear Sir:

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, appropriate staff has reviewed and supports the proposed set of requirements applicable to operating license applications.

It has become vividly apparent to anyone who has followed the incident at Three Mile Island that the state-of-the-art in dealing with nuclear plant emergencies at that time was in a state of infancy, simply because there had been no such emergency upon which to draw knowledge. Since TMI, there has been a deluge of criticism toward the nuclear power industry in reference to safety requirements, training, redundancy systems, hydrogen mitigation and human factors. There have also been many new concepts and procedures proposed to eliminate the chances of such an accident happening again.

It is only fitting that these proposals be evaluated and implementation started where necessary. It would seem that the NRC has diligently attempted to promulgate regulations which would enhance the operation of nuclear reactor power facilities and further safeguard the health and safety of the populations surrounding these fixed nuclear facilities. This set of proposed regulations is another step in this direction.

The nuclear power industry certainly does not want another TMI. It would therefore seem that the nuclear power industry would be in favor of a written set of rules to guide operating license applications. It would also seem that many of these proposed rules have already been implemented by the large utilities, and therefore should not cause undue delay nor economic problems.

Sincerely,

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