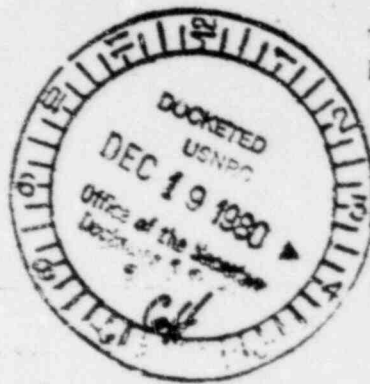




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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sirs:

I am a member of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation of northwestern North Carolina, and as such I am seriously concerned with the pending purchase by the North Carolina EMC's (which includes BREMCO) of 56.25% of Duke Power's Catawba 1 reactor. I feel the safety of this West-irghouse unit is clearly in question, vis-a-vis the McGuire containment adequacy questions being pursued by the AS 2B at this time. Further I question the financial advisability of the NCEMC purchase - we are in essence giving Duke Power a blank check for construction costs plus a guaranteed profit. Because of these and other reasons, I request that the NRC hold hearings on this matter preferably in Boone.

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Sincerely,
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