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> In the Matter of DUKE POWER COMPANY, ET AL. (Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414



Dear Licensing Board Members:

The NRC Staff wishes to inform the Licensing Board that it does not intend to file a response to "Palmetto Alliance Motion for Protective Order", dated April 28, 1982, in which Intervenor seeks to limit the permissible scope of Applicants' discovery to those contentions admitted by the Board subject to the condition that they be revised, after discovery, no later than July 6, 1982, and to protect certain communications between Intervenor and counsel and other trial preparation materials. This matter concerns a discovery dispute between Palmetto Alliance and Applicants and does not involve the Staff directly. Although the Staff has also served discovery on Palmetto Alliance, no response thereto is due before May 26, 1982 and none has as yet been received.

Sincerely,

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