

January 10, 1983

James L. Kelley, Chairman  
Administrative Judge  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

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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 Administrative Judges:

On December 20, 1982, counsel for Applicants served "Applicants' Motion to Compel or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss Contentions", in which Applicants seek an order compelling Palmetto Alliance to provide further response to "Applicants First Set of Interrogatories and Requests to Produce", dated April 9, 1982. Alternatively, Applicants seek reconsideration of the admission of Contention 7, and dismissal for failure to satisfy the requirements of 10 CFR Section 2.714(b).

On December 16, 1982, the Staff served "NRC Staff Motion to Compel Full Responses to NRC Staff's First Set of Interrogatories and Document Production Requests to Palmetto Alliance on Contention 7," which contains the Staff's position on its interrogatories to Palmetto Alliance on Contention 7. The importance of Palmetto Alliance's responses to Applicants' interrogatories on Contention 7 is discussed in the Staff's December 16, pleading, and therefore the Staff believes a further responsive pleading with respect thereto is not necessary. Inasmuch as the Staff elected not to file a motion to compel with respect to the Staff's interrogatories on Contention 6, the Staff takes no position on Palmetto's responses to Applicants' interrogatories relating to Contention 6.

Sincerely,

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