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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

Administrative Judges:

Alan S. Rosenthal, Chairman Thomas S. Moore Howard A. Wilber

OFFICE OF SECRETAR BRANCH
February 23, 1984

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In the Matter of

DUKE POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

(Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-413 50-414

ORDER

The Licensing Board issued a memorandum and order today in which it referred to us certain oral rulings with regard to intervenors' three-part contention on the subject of the reliability of the Catawba facility's diesel generators. Before taking any action on the referral, we wish to obtain the views of the parties on the following questions:

- 1. Should the referral be accepted?
- 2. Assuming that the referral is accepted, how should we decide the issues that it poses? (In this connection, the parties should address, inter alia, the Licensing Board's conditional request for guidance contained in the paragraph of its memorandum and order beginning at the bottom of page 7 and concluding at the middle of page 8.)

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The memoranda of the parties on the foregoing questions are to be filed and served no later than March 9, 1984.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE APPEAL BOARD

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