December 13, 1995

Duke Power Company ATTN: Mr. W. R. McCollum Site Vice President Catawba Site 4800 Concord Road York, SC 29745-9635

SUBJECT: 1996 CATAWBA EMERGENCY EXERCISE

Dear Mr. McCollum:

This letter is in reference to discussions between James W. Hufham of our staff and Steve Christopher at the Catawba site confirming the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's participation in your 1996 emergency exercise that is scheduled for March 13, 1996. We appreciate this opportunity to participate because it has been several years since the NRC has been involved in an exercise with Catawba. This participation will provide the NRC with a better understanding of the Catawba response organization and response facilities. It will also provide an opportunity for an exchange of information about the NRC Incident Response Program and the Agency's role during an incident.

Mr. Hufham would like to meet with Mr. Christopher at the Catawba site several months prior to the exercise to discuss the details of our planning process for exercises with NRC participation and provide you with the NRC Base Team and Site Team Organizations. In the meantime, if you have questions or need additional information, please call me at 404 331-331-5680.

Again, we look forward to this opportunity to participate in your 1996 exercise.

Sincerely,

original signed by

Albert F. Gibson, Director Division of Reactor Safety

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