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Re: Catawba Nuclear Station
(Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414 *OC*

Gentlemen:

By means of this letter I am transmitting to you a copy of a recent affidavit executed by Warren H. Owen, Executive Vice-President of the Engineering, Construction and Production Group which updates Applicants' schedule for full-power operation at Catawba. This affidavit was attached to a filing made before Judge Kelley's Board on September 12, 1984.

As the affidavit shows, Applicants' current schedule calls for achieving criticality and commencing low power (0-5%) testing on October 17, 1984, completing low-power testing by November 1, 1984, and commencing 0-100% power testing on November 1, 1984. Thus licensing authority authorizing operation beyond the 5% power level is needed by November 1, 1984. Resolution of emergency planning issues now pending before this Board is necessary before that date to allow the NRC Staff to process and issue the license in a timely fashion.

We would also take this opportunity to call to the Board's attention a decision recently issued by the Appeal Board (Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2), ALAB-781, NRC ___ (September 6, 1984.) which addresses issues now pending before

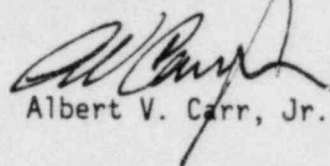
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this Board. Specifically, reference is made to Section D of the slip
opinion at pp 14-21.

Sincerely yours,



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c: James L. Kelley, Chairman
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