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Before Administrative Judges

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

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In the matter of

CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY and NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY

(Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant)

Docket Nos. 50-400 OL

(ASLBP NO. 82-472-03 OL)

Dear Administrative Judges:

The Office of Investigations has been made aware of the set of interrogatories which were submitted by Mr. Wells Eddleman. These interrogatories relate to the contention that Mr. Chan Van Vo, a former Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) employee, was harassed because of his efforts to raise safety concerns. We have also received a copy of your Memorandum and Order, ruling on these contentions, dated January 14, 1985, subject as above.

This letter is to advise you that the Office of Investigations is currently conducting an investigation into allegations by Mr. Van Vo of harassment, as specified in Mr. Eddleman's contention 41-G as revised. It is anticipated that this investigation will take a minimum of ten weeks to complete. Release of information developed in the investigation prior to completion of the investigation would severely prejudice our investigative efforts.

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This office would, of course, be prepared to present an <u>in camera ex parte</u> briefing to bring the Board up to date on our investigative progress, if requested. However, there is considerable investigative effort to be accomplished before the OI investigation is concluded. Due to the transitory nature of investigative matters, it is possible that currently available information may take on new or different meanings as the investigation progresses. At the conclusion of the OI investigation, the ultimate findings would provide a more true and complete picture of the circumstances as a foundation for any decision-making.

Accordingly, because of the ongoing nature of the investigation, we are not providing any information in response to the interrogatories at this time, and it is recommended that the Board await completion of the current investigation prior to pursuing this matter further. At that time, the Board will be provided a copy of the final report of investigation, less any deletions made to meet privacy or confidentiality purposes or for other reasons.

Sincerely,

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