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The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hollings:

This letter is in response to your letter of May 14, 1986, to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), in which you enclosed a letter from Mr. M. D. Johnson concerning a recent reactor operator's examination which he failed. Mr. Johnson has appealed the grading of the examination and was concerned that a dispute between the Commission and the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company had influenced the Commission's decision on his request.

NRC examination procedures require the facility staff to be provided a copy of the written examination and the answer key subsequent to examination administration for their review and comments. The NRC considers all comments received from the facility prior to grading individual examinations. The facility comments and the NRC's resolutions to these comments are included in the final examination report. This procedure was followed for the examination in which Mr. Johnson participated. This examination review and the disposition of facility comments are apparently the "dispute" to which Mr. Johnson refers. Aside from the changes to the examination or answer key which may result from this review, there is no effect on the grading of individual examinations as a result of this process. Furthermore, NRC examination policy on the four questions Mr. Johnson references has not changed recently. We therefore feel that Mr. Johnson has not been denied a reactor operator license due to any dispute between the Commission and the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.

Mr. Johnson's appeal is in progress and is being handled in accordance with the Operator Licensing Examiner Standards, NUREG-1021, in order to ensure an impartial and objective review. This procedure requires that Mr. Johnson's contentions be reviewed by an examiner who was not involved in the original examination. Mr. Johnson's appeal will be provided full consideration at each level of the review process.

The established procedure outlined above will ensure that Mr. Johnson's concerns are addressed and resolved expeditiously and impartially.

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Sincerely,

Original signed by  
Victor Stello, Jr.  
Executive Director  
for Operations

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6/6/86

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FROM:

SEN. ERNEST F. HOLLINGS

DUE: 06/10/86

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FINAL REPLY:

TO:

CARLTON KAMMERER

FOR SIGNATURE OF:

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SECY NO: 86-500

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DESC:

ENCLOSES LETTER FROM MARK D. JOHNSON RE REACTOR  
OPERATOR'S EXAMINATION

ROUTING:

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DATE: 05/27/86

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PAPER NUMBER: CRC-86-0500 LOGGING DATE: May 22 86  
ACTION OFFICE: EDO  
AUTHOR: E.F. Hollings--Const Ref  
AFFILIATION: U.S. SENATE  
LETTER DATE: May 14 86 FILE CODE: C&R-2 BP  
SUBJECT: Const feels that he is a victim of circumstances  
between the NRC and South Carolina Electric and Gas  
Company  
ACTION: Direct Reply  
DISTRIBUTION: OCA to Ack  
SPECIAL HANDLING: None  
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