

LeeCOLAEISComments Resource

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Hello,

I was just informed that Duke Energy is asking for permission to build two new nuclear reactors at the William States Lee III Nuclear Station in Gaffney, S.C., 60 miles from Asheville, NC, where I live, and also for a permit to build two cooling ponds on the small Broad River which already is affected by the Cliffside Coal Plant and the Summer nuclear plant. **I am urging the Nuclear Regulatory Commission not to approve these permits. I will be attending the March 6 DEIS hearing to voice my opposition during the public comment period, but I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you directly.**

Every aspect of nuclear power is a threat to the new energy future this county and world needs to build in order to support a sustainable life for humanity on this planet, from the initial mining of uranium, to the huge amounts of water necessary to cool nuclear reactors, to the unsolved problem of dangerous radioactive waste.

Moreover, this deal would constitute yet another coup for corporate welfare, with Duke merging with Progress Energy to become a super corporation. Duke wants its customers, 70% of whom are in NC and 30% in SC, to pay pre-construction costs through rate hikes--paying for a product that they may or may not receive in the future. Through Federal Loan Guarantees, Duke would be bailed out if the plants wind up not being built and rate increases would not be refunded, even though the default rate on loans for new reactors is above 50%.

I urge you once again not to approve these permits.

Sincerely,

Julie Schneyer


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