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Ms. Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Allison M. MacFarlane:

Reference: Wyman's Study and Duke's Keowee-Toxaway Re-Licensing Application

"We don't understand; it just doesn't make sense."

The Oconee Nuclear Station has continued to run quite successfully throughout its history. Even during drought conditions when the lake level is drawn down to the minimum allowed level for sustained operations. Actually this is the condition that has existed over the past six years, where the lake level has continued to be maintained at or near the minimum level with a resultant downriver flow rate. This has been without incident to either Duke or Lake Keowee property owners.

Now we want to invest additional capital in the Duke Nuclear Power station to reduce the minimum lake level required for sustained operations, while at the same time reducing Lake Keowee property values, reducing Oconee County real estate taxes, and reducing Pickens County real estate taxes. We know that when we are in a drought situation, the lake remains at a reduced level for an extended period and we know that releasing additional water to Lake Hartwell has very little impact on Hartwell's lake level because of the significant size difference between these two lakes.

When in a drought the downriver free flow of water is restrained, so when water is released from Lake Keowee to Lake Hartwell it can not be replenished. So as we allow the lake level to fall to a new minimum level, we end up with the same situation that we're currently experiencing at the additional cost of Duke Energy, the loss of property values, reduced taxes for Oconee County, and reduced taxes for Pickens County.

So we just don't get it, why would we invest additional capital in the nuclear station, sacrifice property owner values, and cut real estate taxes to simply end up in the state we are currently in and have been for the past 30+ years. It just doesn't make sense.

Sincerely,


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