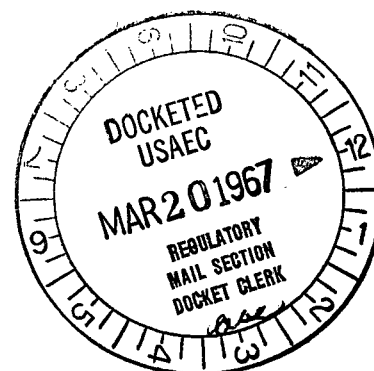


Carolina Power & Light Company

Raleigh, North Carolina

March 14, 1967

Mr. Harold L. Price
Director of Regulations
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545



H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT
1970 - 700 MW INSTALLATION - UNIT NO. 2
DOCKET NO. 50-261

Dear Mr. Price:

Regulatory Formal File Cy.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 10, 1967, in regard to our request for authorization to drive piles for the proposed H. B. Robinson Unit No. 2 facilities prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

It was your finding pursuant to Section 50.12, 10 CFR 50 of the Commission's rules, that the granting of this exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

We understand that this exemption will have no effect upon the the subsequent granting or denial of a construction permit for the proposed H. B. Robinson Unit No. 2 facility, and any work performed pursuant to this exemption will be performed entirely at the risk of Carolina Power & Light Company. Also, the granting of this exemption will not constitute an approval of the types of pilings to be used, the methods for driving such piles or the adequacy of such piles to support the proposed facilities.

We are appreciative of your help in this matter and thank you for your expeditious handling of our request.

Yours very truly,

P. S. Colby - Vice President
Operating & Engineering Department

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cc: Mr. G. F. Trowbridge

