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**DESCRIPTION:**

Ltr re the Draft Enviro Statement for the H. B. Robinson Unit No. 2 & trans the following:

**ENCLOSURES:**

ECONOMIC STATEMENT, showing major changes in the economy of Darlington County.

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PLANT NAMES: H. B. Robinson Unit # 2

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June 5, 1973

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Mr. Daniel R. Muller  
Assistant Director for Environmental Projects  
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United States Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545

Re: Docket No. 50-261

Dear Mr. Muller:

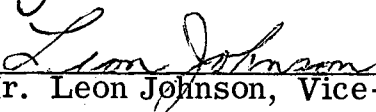
The Darlington County Development Board has reviewed the Draft Environmental Statement dated April 1973 with regard to Carolina Power and Light Company's continued operation of H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2.

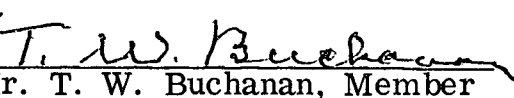
Since your staff compiled this documentation, some major changes have occurred in the economy of Darlington County. These are noted in the attached economic statement.

This Board concurs with the findings of your staff--the benefits to be derived from continued operation of Unit No. 2 substantially outweigh the costs.

Sincerely,

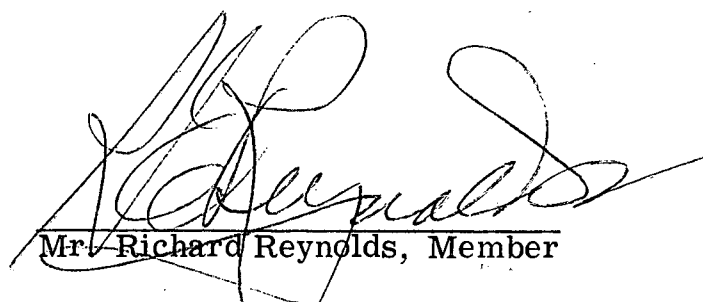
  
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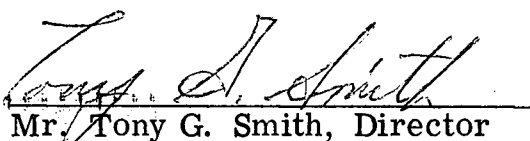
  
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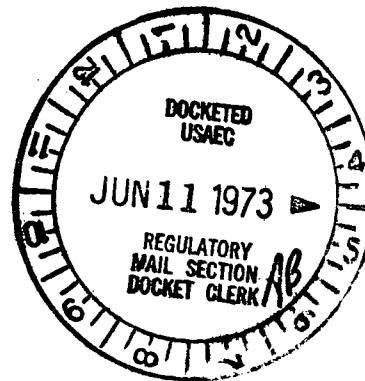
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Enclosure

  
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Since January 1, 1973, several significant economic developments have occurred:

- (1) Klopman Mills announced in January a 120,000 square foot addition to its Specialty Finishing Plant at Society Hill.
- (2) Also in January, Carolina Power and Light Company announced it will construct a \$78 million gas turbine generating station near its steam and nuclear generating stations on Lake Robinson, bringing its total investment in the county to well over \$300 million.
- (3) Industrial Components, Inc. started up a precision metalworking plant in Hartsville during February.
- (4) Carolina Freight Carriers announced plans to move 90 long-distance truck drivers from Cherryville, North Carolina to its terminal on U. S. 52 near Darlington by the end of June.
- (5) On February 28 Fiber Industries, Inc. announced plans to construct a polyester staple plant in the Palmetto Community of Darlington County. Initially, Fiber Industries plans to employ 300 workers with estimates of around 3,000 employees within a 10-12 year period. The value of the initial plant construction is conservatively estimated at \$100 million.
- (6) In April, Eastern Carolina Steel put a third 30-ton capacity, electric furnace into operation at its plant near Dovesville. This \$900,000 addition created 12 new jobs for Darlington County.
- (7) Finally, United, Inc. began start-up operations in May for an apparel manufacturing plant in Lamar. United will employ 45-50 workers in its facility.