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Re: Duke Power Company, et al. (Catawba Nuclear
Station, Units 1 and 2), Docket Nos. 50-413,
50-414

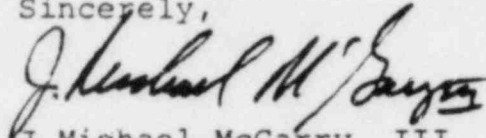
Gentlemen:

During yesterday's conference call Applicants set forth a proposed schedule concerning emergency plans. The Board requested that Applicants furnish a copy of their schedule to the Board and parties and that any comment thereon be served on the Board by August 26, 1983. Attachment A to this letter sets forth Applicants proposed schedule.

Applicants file this proposed schedule as a means of alleviating what we see to be a very real problem. To explain, absent a firm schedule, the potential exists for the same sort of unresponsive answers to interrogatories that occurred with previous contentions. Applicants stated at the August 8, 1983 prehearing conference that they were prepared to file basic interrogatories in the near future; Intervenor's responded that at this time they would have nothing more to add beyond that set forth at the prehearing conference. If Applicants now proceed with filing basic interrogatories and receive "we don't know" answers a pleading war will ensue. To alleviate this potential,

Applicants suggest that they hold off serving their basic interrogatories and give Intervenors an initial period of time to further their case. All we ask is that the Board order Intervenors to file their interrogatories on the date proposed, so that discovery moves along and so that Applicants right to responsive answers not be unduly delayed.

Sincerely,



J. Michael McGarry, III

cc: All Parties
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Enclosure

Attachment A

APPLICANTS' PROPOSED SCHEDULE
EMERGENCY PLANNING PHASE

August 8	Discovery begins
September 8	Intervenors file interrogatories
October 7	Applicants/Staff respond to Intervenors' interrogatories
October 7	Applicants/Staff file interrogatories
November 7	Intervenors respond to Applicants/Staff interrogatories
November 7- December 12	All parties may file follow-up interrogatories (N.B. allowing for a 20-day answer period, all follow-up interrogatories should be in hand by November 18)
December 12	Discovery closes
January 9	Prefiled testimony
January 23	Commencement of hearing