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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Dr. James H. Carpenter
James L. Kelley, Chairman

OFFICE OF SECRETARY
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In the Matter of

CAROLINA POWER AND LIGHT CO. et al.
(Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant,
Units 1 and 2)

Docket 50-400 OL

ASLBP No. 82-468-01
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Clarification of Joint Intervenors' Position re Dr. John Gofman

The Board's recent order means that Dr. Gofman will not appear in this case, we believe. Still, we want to clarify on the record that we did contact Dr. Gofman's place of work and confirmed that he is absolutely unwilling to appear as an intervenor witness. While we believe Dr. Gofman's book Radiation and Human Health reflects excellent preparation, and we are sure he could defend it well, willing or unwilling, a different concern prompted our decision not to try to subpoena Dr. Gofman.

This is a difficult situation for us because a genuine material issue of very important facts (i.e. how serious are radiation health effects -- the deaths, cancers, genetic diseases etc caused by nuclear radiation) exists, yet we cannot get the best witness on the issue for us (Gofman). Be cause this issue is so important and our resources are so small, we did consider subpoenaing Dr. Gofman when it became clear he would not appear as a Board witness in this case.

But in consideration of Dr. Gofman's right to determine how he uses his own time (and his health), we believe he deserves no more hassles. Dr. Gofman has bravely stood up to the power of the nuclear industry for many years. Just as we feel it is wrong for CP&L to impose a nuclear plant on us, we feel it is wrong for us to impose on Dr. Gofman. We do, of course, reserve the right to subpoena nuclear industry witnesses who are voluntarily associated with the nuclear business.

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We are sending Dr. Gofman a copy of this clarification, and a copy of the relevant portions of the March 8 corrected transcript of the conference call with the Board and parties, and of the relevant portions of the Board's most recent Order (dated March 15) concerning Dr. Gofman.

We wish to emphasize our deep respect and gratitude for the work Dr. Gofman has done, and we wish him all the best in his further endeavors.

JOINT INTERVENORS

Conservation Council of North Carolina

Kudzu Alliance

Chapel Hill Anti-Nuclear Group Effort (CHANGE)

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