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Re: Alabama Power Company (Joseph M. Farley
Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2), Operating
Licenses Nos. NPF-2 and NPF-8;
Enforcement Proceeding

Dear Sirs:

In view of the fact that Alabama Power Company has seen fit to file with the Commission a letter dated July 23, 1984, written on its behalf to Mr. Lowman of Alabama Electric Cooperative, we are filing herewith Mr. Lowman's response to that letter from the Company.

Sincerely yours,

D. Biard MacGuineas

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Counsel to Alabama
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Dear Bob:

This is in response to the letter to me dated July 23, 1984 signed by you.

There is a great deal in that letter concerning our meeting held on June 20 which does not correspond with the understanding Jim Varn and I had of what took place. What you say is so erroneous that it is hard to believe we could have been present at the same meeting.

I don't think it would be useful at this stage to go into great detail to state what appear to me to be the serious errors in your letter. But there is one point that I must respond to. You say in your letter that "before we even spoke at that meeting (June 20), you advised us of your intent to go to Washington the following week to visit NRC officials to file a petition for enforcement." I never said I was planning to go to Washington to meet with the NRC. Nor did I say anything that could ever have given you any such impression. I never had any plan to go to Washington for the purpose of seeing the NRC, and the simple fact is that I did not go to Washington at all. AEC's intention was that, if we concluded (as we did) that it was necessary for AEC to file a formal enforcement petition with the NRC, then we would do so in writing and serve it on APCo in the regular way and let it be judged by NRC on its merits.

This is one of the reasons why we were so astonished when we found out about the extensive ex parte lobbying effort which APCo had engaged in with the NRC Commissioners and Staff, all without notice to AEC. Since at our June 20 meeting you gave us no hint of what APCo was really planning to do, you ought to understand why we now feel that, to use the phrase in your letter, we were being "set up" by APCo at the meeting that you had scheduled with us for that date.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles R. Lowman".
Charles R. Lowman
General Manager

CRL:elf

cc: Mr. James A. Varn, Jr.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that service of the attached document has been made by mailing or delivering* copies to the following on the 25th day of July, 1984.

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