

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
DUKE POWER COMPANY, et al.)
(Catawba Nuclear Station,)
Units 1 and 2))

Docket Nos. 50-413
50-414

TESTIMONY OF THOMAS JOSEPH COSTELLO

- 1 Q. STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORK ADDRESS.
- 2 A. Thomas Joseph Costello, Catawba Nuclear Station, P.O. Box 233,
- 3 Clover, SC 29710
- 4 Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT JOB WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY?
- 5 A. I am a welding and NDE Inspector in the Auxiliary Building and the
- 6 Turbine Building.
- 7 Q. SUMMARIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING
- 8 JOBS WITH DUKE POWER, YOUR EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS,
- 9 AND COMPANY SPONSORED COURSES AND TRAINING.
- 10 A. From 1974-1977 I was a turbine and boiler operator at Duke Power's
- 11 Allen Steam Station. From 1977-1979 I was an NDE Inspector for
- 12 Law Engineering Testing Company. From 1979-1981 I was an NDE
- 13 Inspector at McGuire Nuclear Station. From 1981 to present I have
- 14 been working at Catawba Nuclear Station as a NDE and Welding
- 15 Inspector. I am a high school graduate and I have attended
- 16 courses in welding and NDE inspection.
- 17 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHAT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS
- 18 THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED IN
- 19 LATE 1981/EARLY 1982?
- 20 A. No, I was an NDE Inspector at that time.

1 Q. DID YOU EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS AS A WELDING INSPECTOR TO
2 ANY OF THE TASK FORCES OR TO DUKE POWER MANAGEMENT?

3 A. No. I was interviewed by Task Force I. They asked about my job
4 position and qualifications. I had no concerns then and to this day
5 have no concerns about the quality and safety of Catawba.

6 Q. IN YOUR VIEW, HAS THE QA PROGRAM BEEN EFFECTIVE WHILE
7 YOU HAVE WORKED AS AN INSPECTOR AT CATAWBA?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY DEFICIENCIES IN CONSTRUCTION OR IN
10 THE QA PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU TO QUESTION
11 WHETHER CATAWBA IS SAFELY BUILT?

12 A. No
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16 I hereby certify that I have read and understand this document, and
17 believe it to be my true, accurate and complete testimony.
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Thomas Joseph Costello
Thomas Joseph Costello

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25 Sworn to and subscribed before me
26 this 20th day of September, 1983.
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29 Linda W. Le Grande
30 Notary Public

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