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Mr. Morton B. Margulies
Chairman
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Re: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. Margulies:

On May 24, 1984, I was present at the Limited Appearance Session held in the Conference Room of the BB&T Building in Charlotte, North Carolina. I had intended to make a brief statement at the conclusion of the comments by those who had signed their names to the list earlier in the evening. Unfortunately, the Hearing was adjourned without hearing any additional comments and I would respectively submit this brief statement in connection with the proposed Emergency Plan which is under consideration.

I am currently a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives and several years ago I was the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Liaison Committee consisting of representatives from the Legislative Delegation, the City Council, County Commission, the School Board, and the small towns in Mecklenburg County. One of the matters which came before us at that time was the consideration of an All-Hazards Plan for Mecklenburg County and during the course of those considerations we worked with the Office of Emergency Management in developing a plan which would appear to address any hazard or emergency which might arise in this area. Particular attention was paid to the possibility of an emergency at the McGuire Nuclear Plant in Mecklenburg County and a very thorough study was done with input from many individuals from varying backgrounds and experiences. In my view the All-Hazards Plan, which is still in effect in Mecklenburg County and which is administered by the Office of Emergency Management, was entirely adequate to deal with any emergency which might arise as a result of the operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station in South Carolina.

Based upon the information which was made available to me at that time, I was persuaded that planning within a ten-mile radius of a nuclear power plant was adequate and that anything in excess of that was superfluous and perhaps counter-productive in that it would create an undue

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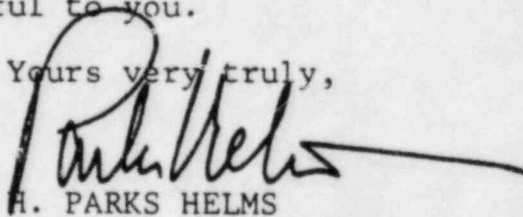
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administrative and management burden which would not be in the best interest of protecting the health and safety of the people of this community. While the risk of a nuclear accident cannot be under-emphasized, I believe it is important that we keep in proper perspective the kinds of safety measures which we should implement in the event of an emergency. The fact is that we can develop so many procedures and require so much red tape that confusion and ineffectiveness will result. A careful review of the guidelines issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will, I believe, provide assurance that the All-Hazards Plan is more than adequate to protect the people of this community to the fullest extent that is practically possible.

Duke Power Company has a record of efficient management and operation, and I believe that the Company can coordinate its safety measures with the All-Hazards Plan in a way that will provide maximum protection to the people of this area.

I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Yours very truly,



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