

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| DUKE POWER COMPANY, <u>et al.</u> |) | Docket No. 50-413 |
| (Catawba Nuclear Station |) | 50-414 |
| Units 1 and 2) |) | |

AFFIDAVIT OF WARREN H. OWEN

My name is Warren H. Owen. I am currently employed by the Duke Power Company as Executive Vice President, Engineering and Construction. I am a member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. In these capacities I am responsible for, among other things, scheduling of the fuel loading, testing and power ascension phases for the Catawba nuclear units. Schedules have been developed for these phases which take into account Duke's experience with such activities at its five operating nuclear reactors.

The purpose of this affidavit is to inform the Licensing Board of a change in our fuel load date, and to explain briefly the reasons for such change.

Our current schedule for Catawba Unit 1 reflects the following:

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| Fuel Loading | June 29 thru July 9 |
| Pre-Critical Testing | July 9, 1984 thru Sept. 14, 1984 |
| 0-5% power testing (plant critical) | Sept. 14, 1984 thru Sept. 27, 1984 |
| 5-100% power testing | Sept. 27, 1984 thru Feb. 6, 1985 |

Our previously scheduled date for starting fuel loading was June 16, 1984. As of this date, all construction on all systems necessary for fuel loading and pre-critical testing is complete. However, a significant number of systems required for start of fuel loading have only recently been turned over to the Nuclear Production Department by the Construction Department. There remains, for some of those systems, certain functional and surveillance testing to be done, as well as completion of a volume of paperwork. Because of the tests which remain to be done, and the volume of paperwork which remains to be completed, we believe it prudent to move our target date for start of fuel loading from June 16 to June 29, 1984.

We feel confident that we can complete the work outlined above and, barring unforeseen events, will meet our projected date of June 29 for start of fuel loading.

I, Warren H. Owen, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, state that I have reviewed the foregoing affidavit and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Warren H. Owen

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Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 18th day of June, 1984.

Gail J. Christenbury
Notary Public
Commission Expires 7-28-86