

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONBEFORE 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
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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. La Grande
30 Notary Public
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32 Commission Expires March 7, 1993