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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In the Matter of )  
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CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT )  
(Shearon Harris Nuclear )  
Power Plant) )  
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Docket No. 50-400 -LA  
ASLBP No. 99-762-02-LA

**ORANGE COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
REPLY TO RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF  
LATE-FILED ENVIRONMENTAL CONTENTIONS**

By order dated February 2, 2000, the Licensing Board established a deadline of March 2, 2000, for Orange County's reply to any responses filed by the Applicant or NRC Staff to Orange County's Request for Admission of Late-Filed Environmental Contentions. Orange County hereby requests an extension of the March 2 deadline until March 13, 2000.

An extension is necessary in order to allow counsel for Orange County to consult with the County's expert witness, Dr. Gordon Thompson, in preparing its reply. Dr. Thompson will be out of the country and inaccessible to counsel between February 20 and March 7. The requested extension would allow counsel for Orange County four working days, after Dr. Thompson's return to the United States, in which to consult him on any technical matters that may be raised in the responses to Orange County's contentions.

Counsel for Orange County has consulted with counsel for the Applicant and the NRC Staff regarding this request. Counsel for the Applicant stated that the Applicant

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intends to oppose the extension request. Counsel for the Staff did not provide a response in time for the filing of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on February 8, 2000, copies of the foregoing ORANGE COUNTY'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY TO RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF LATE-FILED ENVIRONMENTAL CONTENTIONS were served on the following by e-mail and/or first class mail as indicated below:

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