

# Power Firm Opposes Running Line to Cape

Carolina Power & Light Co. has told the State Utilities Commission it doesn't want to run an electric power cable to Cape Lookout because the cost would far outstrip revenues.

The power company, responding to a petition for assignment of service filed with the commission by two Sanford men, and said running a cable to the cape would cost \$125,000, while annual revenue would amount to only \$1,800.

Commercial service to the cape is being sought by Charles M. Reeves Jr. and Sam Q. Bass. They claim the lack of commercial electricity there has thwarted development.

The state is in the lengthy process of buying the area for Cape Lookout National Seashore.

Another respondent in the case, Harker's Island Electric Membership Corp., told the commission it probably would suffer serious financial damage if required to furnish electric power to the cape.

Under state law, the utilities commission assigns service territories to electric power companies.

Cape Lookout presently has no commercial power for the several fishing shacks, tackle shop and Coast Guard lighthouse there. The lighthouse is operated on current produced by a diesel generator.