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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic: Greenville Gas and Electric Light Company
Location: 211 East Broad Street
Common: Duke Power Steam Plant
Classification: Building

Owner: Duke Power Company
422 S. Church Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1981

Description: The Greenville Gas and Electric Light Company complex consists of two buildings constructed ca. 1890. The larger building served as a coal-fueled, steam-powered electric generating plant. This one-story, rectangular brick building has round arched window and door openings. The windows are covered with plywood, but intact. The arched openings are separated by brick pilasters. The gable, slate roof has a parapet wall with tile coverings and copper finials. The interior has an iron truss roof and a floor-to-ceiling height in excess of thirty-five feet. The second building, ca. 1890, is a two-story rectangular (26'x64') brick building originally used as offices for the power company. The window and door openings have segmental arches. The building has a low pitched gable roof with large wooden tie-beams and sleepers that project through the wall and support the eaves.

Significance: The two buildings of the Greenville Gas and Electric Light Company are significant to the city of Greenville as one of its earliest electrical plants. The buildings were owned and operated by the Greenville Gas and Electric Light and Power Company. In 1910 the buildings were sold to the Southern Power Company which was re-chartered in 1913 as Southern Public Utilities. Later the company evolved into Duke Power Company. The building is vernacular Victorian with Romanesque commercial structure elements. It is one of the few remaining Victorian structures in the downtown area.

Acreage 1.2

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the Greenville Gas and Electric Light Company nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Greenville Tax Map #62, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 60 feet. This boundary includes all historic buildings and structures.

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Other Information