

January 7, 2000

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SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 RE: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS (TAC NOS. MA6479 AND MA6480)

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 183 to Facility Operating License NPF-35 and Amendment No. 175 to Facility Operating License NPF-52 for the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The amendments consist of changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) in response to your application for amendment dated September 16, 1999, and supplemented by letter dated November 3, 1999.

The amendments revise Section 3.8.4, "DC Sources - Operating" of the Technical Specifications. Specifically, the amendments modify Surveillance Requirements (SRs) 3.8.4.8 and 3.8.4.9 and the associated Bases SR 3.8.4.8 and 3.8.4.9 to allow testing of the direct current (dc) channel batteries with the units on line. The change to SR 3.8.4.8 would also prohibit the diesel generator batteries from being service tested while the units are on line. Details are set forth in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

A Notice of Issuance will be sent to the *Federal Register* to be included in the Commission's biweekly notices.

Sincerely,  
Original signed by:  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 183 to NPF-35
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3. Safety Evaluation

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