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SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 - DUKE ENERGY
CORPORATION RE: EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR MATERIAL BALANCE
REPORT

Dear Mr. Culp:

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 70.53(a)(1) requires that each licensee who is authorized to possess certain specified quantities of special nuclear material submit material balance reports as required by 10 CFR 74.13(a)(1). 10 CFR 74.13(a)(1) requires that each licensee compile a report as of March 31 and September 30 of each year and file it within 30 days after the end of the period covered by the report. In addition, this section states that the Commission may permit a licensee to submit the reports at other times when good cause is shown.

By letter dated November 9, 2000, you requested an extension of the due date for the Material Balance Reports for the reporting period ending September 30, 2000, for the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The request would extend the due date to December 18, 2000. The reason given for the request was that a new special nuclear materials database has been installed and extra time has been needed for verification and validation of the results. In addition, you indicated that the resources required for checking and signing these reports will not be available until Catawba Unit 1 refueling outage was completed around November 21, 2000.

The staff reviewed your request and concluded that good cause has been shown for delaying the submittal of the reports for Catawba. Therefore, the staff finds that delaying the submittal that was due by October 30, 2000, until December 18, 2000, is acceptable. Although we are

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inadvertently late in responding to your request, we ask that in the future any such request for an extension be made in a more timely manner, i.e., before the end of the reporting period.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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