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SUBJECT: DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION RE: REVIEW OF AMENDMENT 27 TO
TOPICAL REPORT, "QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM" FOR THE OCONEE
NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3; MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION,
UNITS 1 AND 2 AND CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
(TAC NOS. MB0935, MB0936, MB0937, MB0945, MB0946, MB0947 AND
MB0948)

Dear Mr. Tuckman:

By letter dated December 14, 2000, you supplied Amendment 27 to the Duke Energy Corporation Topical Report, Duke-1-A, *Quality Assurance Program*, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.54(a)(3) and 10 CFR 50.71(e). You stated that your detailed evaluation of the changes to the program determined that they are consistent with the guidance established by Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.33, Revision 2, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements," and therefore, contain no reductions in commitments addressed by the Duke Quality Assurance Program.

Staff review of the topical report was conducted in accordance with the criteria in RG 1.33, Revision 2, 1978, and American Nuclear Standards Institute 18.7-1976/ANS 3.2, "Administrative Controls and Quality Assurance for the Operational Phase of Nuclear Power Plants." The staff evaluated the changes to the topical report that included: (1) modifications to remove the references to the Electrical System Support organization and to the Vice President Electrical System Support and incorporate references to the Nuclear Generation Department throughout the document as a result of an organization realignment; (2) revision to correctly state the frequency of the corporate audit as biennial as defined and accepted by the staff in Amendment 26; and (3) revision to correct an organizational title change, "Nuclear Performance Section" to "Nuclear Performance Assessment."

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As a result of our review, the staff agrees that the changes are not reductions in commitments addressed in the Duke Quality Assurance Program; therefore, the changes are acceptable.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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