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A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. A Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert E. Martin, Senior Project Manager
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Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

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1. Amendment No. 143 to NPF-35
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3. Safety Evaluation

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NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

SALUDA RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

DOCKET NO. 50-413

CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No.143
License No. NPF-35

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 filed by the Duke Power Company, acting for itself, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (licensees), dated January 11, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated April 2, 1996, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

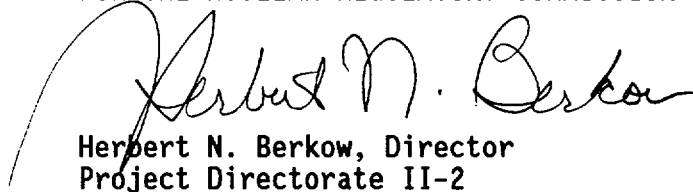
2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 143 , and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, both of which are attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into this license. Duke Power Company shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Herbert N. Berkow, Director
Project Directorate II-2
Division of Reactor Projects - I/II
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Technical Specification
Changes

Date of Issuance: April 23, 1996



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DUKE POWER COMPANY

NORTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY NO. 1

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY

DOCKET NO. 50-414

CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 137
License No. NPF-52

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. NPF-52 filed by the Duke Power Company, acting for itself, North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1 and Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (licensees), dated January 11, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated April 2, 1996, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

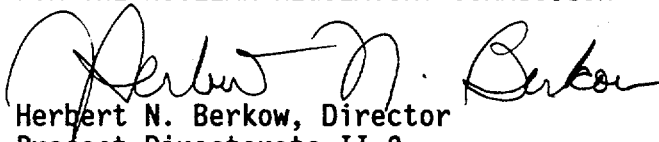
2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-52 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 137 , and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, both of which are attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into this license. Duke Power Company shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 143

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-35

DOCKET NO. 50-413

AND

TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 137

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-52

DOCKET NO. 50-414

Replace the following pages of the Appendix "A" Technical Specifications with the enclosed pages. The revised pages are identified by Amendment number and contain vertical lines indicating the areas of change.

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TABLE 3.6-1 (Continued)

SECONDARY CONTAINMENT BYPASS LEAKAGE PATHS

<u>PENETRATION NUMBER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RELEASE LOCATION</u>	<u>TEST TYPE</u>
M323	Component Cooling to Component Cooling Drain Sump	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M240	Nuclear Service Water to Reactor Coolant Pump and Lower Cont. Vent. Units	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M230	Nuclear Service Water From Reactor Coolant Pump and Lower Cont. Vent. Units	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M385	Nuclear Service Water to Upper Containment Ventilation Units In	Turbine Building	Type C
M308 #	Nuclear Service Water to Upper Containment Ventilation Units Out	Turbine Building	Type C
M213	Incore Instrumentation Room Purge In	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M140	Incore Instrumentation Room Purge Out	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M456	Upper Compartment Purge Inlet	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M432	Upper Compartment Purge Inlet	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M357	Lower Compartment Purge Inlet	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M368	Containment Purge Exhaust	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M433	Containment Purge Exhaust	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M434	Lower Compartment Purge Inlet	Auxiliary Building	Type C

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Amendment No. 143 (Unit 1)
Amendment No. 137 (Unit 2)

TABLE 3.6-1 (Continued)
SECONDARY CONTAINMENT BYPASS LEAKAGE PATHS

<u>PENETRATION NUMBER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RELEASE LOCATION</u>	<u>TEST TYPE</u>
M386	Containment Air Release	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M204	Containment Air Addition	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M316	Int. Fire Protection Header - Hose Racks	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M337	Demineralized Water	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M220	Instrument Air	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M219	Station Air	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M215	Breathing Air	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M329	Reactor Coolant Pump Motor Oil Fill	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M361	Int. Fire Protection Header - Sprinklers	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M119	Containment Purge Exhaust	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M331	Nitrogen Supply to Cold Leg Accumulators	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M322	Safety Injection Test Line	Auxiliary Building	Type C
M454	UHI Test Line	Auxiliary Building	Type C } Note 1
M328*	Component Cooling to Reactor Vessel Support and RCP Coolers	Auxiliary Building	Type C

*Not applicable for Unit 1 until after the first refueling outage.

#Not applicable for Unit 1 after refueling outage 1EOC9. Not applicable for Unit 2 after refueling outage 2EOC8.

Note 1: Upon capping of penetrations associated with deletion of UHI, this specification is no longer applicable.

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Amendment No. 143 (Unit 1)
137 (Unit 2)

TABLE 3.6-2a (Continued)

CONTAINMENT ISOLATION VALVES

<u>VALVE NUMBER</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ISOLATION TIME (s)</u>
2. Phase "B" Isolation (Continued)		
RN-437B	Supply to NC Pumps and LCVU Supply Outside Containment Isolation	≤ 60
RN-484A	Return from NC Pumps and LCVU Return Inside Containment Isolation	≤ 60
RN-487A	Return from NC Pumps and LCVU Return Outside Containment Isolation	≤ 60
RN-404B	Supply to Upper Containment Supply Ventilation Units Containment Isolation (Outside)	≤ 10
RN-429A ##	Return from Upper Containment Ventilation Units Containment Isolation (Inside)	≤ 10
RN-432B ##	Return from Upper Containment Ventilation Units Containment Isolation (Outside)	≤ 10
VI-77B	Instrument Air Containment Outside Isolation	≤ 10
SM-1 #	Main Steam 1D Isolation	NA
SM-3 #	Main Steam 1C Isolation	NA
SM-5 #	Main Steam 1B Isolation	NA
SM-7 #	Main Steam 1A Isolation	NA
SM-9 #	Main Steam 1D Isolation Bypass Ctrl.	NA
SM-10 #	Main Steam 1C Isolation Bypass Ctrl.	NA
SM-11 #	Main Steam 1B Isolation Bypass Ctrl.	NA
SM-12 #	Main Steam 1A Isolation Bypass Ctrl.	NA
SV-19 #	Main Steam 1A PORV	NA
SV-13 #	Main Steam 1B PORV	NA
SV-7 #	Main Steam 1C PORV	NA
SV-1 #	Main Steam 1D PORV	NA
WL-867A**	Containment Vent Unit Drains Inside Containment Isolation	≤ 10
WL-869B**	Containment Vent Unit Drains Outside Containment Isolation	≤ 10

CATAMBA - UNITS 1 & 2

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Amendment No. 143 (Unit 1)
Amendment No. 137 (Unit 2)

TABLE 3.6-2a (Continued)

UNIT 1 CONTAINMENT ISOLATION VALVES

<u>VALVE NUMBER</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ISOLATION TIME (s)</u>
3. Manual (Continued)		
SM-103#	Main Steam 1C	NA
SM-119#	Main Steam 1C	NA
SM-141#	Main Steam 1C	NA
SA-4#	Main Steam 1C	NA
SM-19#	Main Steam 1D	NA
SM-70#*	Main Steam 1D	NA
SM-102#	Main Steam 1D	NA
SM-118#	Main Steam 1D	NA
SM-140#	Main Steam 1D	NA
WE-20*	Cont Bldg Supply Isol	NA
WE-22*	Cont Bldg Supply Isol	NA
WE-56*	Cont Bldg Supply Isol	NA
FW-4*	Refueling Water	NA
NV-862#*	Pressurizer Auxiliary Spray ND Outside Containment	NA
WLA-21#*	Steam Generator Drain Pump Discharge Outside Containment Isolation	NA
WLA-24#*	Steam Generator Drain Pump Discharge Outside Containment Isolation	NA

TABLE NOTATIONS

* May be opened on an intermittent basis under administrative control.

** Valve also receives a High Radiation (H) and/or a High Relative Humidity isolation signal.

Not subject to Type C leakage tests.

Not applicable to Unit 1 after refueling outage 1EOC9.

NOTE: Times are for valve operation only, and do not include any sensor response or circuit delay times.
See Specification 3/4 3.2 for system actuation response times.

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Amendment No. 143 (Unit 1)
Amendment No. 137 (Unit 2)

TABLE 3.6-2b (Continued)

UNIT 2 CONTAINMENT ISOLATION VALVES

<u>VALVE NUMBER</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ISOLATION TIME (s)</u>
2. Phase "B" Isolation (Continued)		
RN-437B	Supply to NC Pumps and LCVU Supply Outside Containment Isolation	≤ 60
RN-484A	Return from NC Pumps and LCVU Return Inside Containment Isolation	≤ 60
RN-487A	Return from NC Pumps and LCVU Return Outside Containment Isolation	≤ 60
RN-404B	Supply to Upper Containment Supply Ventilation Units Containment Isolation (Outside)	≤ 10
RN-429A ##	Return from Upper Containment Ventilation Units Containment Isolation (Inside)	≤ 10
RN-432B ##	Return from Upper Containment Ventilation Units Containment Isolation (Outside)	≤ 10
VI-77B	Instrument Air Containment Outside Isolation	≤ 10
SM-1 #	Main Steam 2D Isolation	NA
SM-3 #	Main Steam 2C Isolation	NA
SM-5 #	Main Steam 2B Isolation	NA
SM-7 #	Main Steam 2A Isolation	NA
SM-9 #	Main Steam 2D Isolation Bypass Ctrl.	NA
SM-10 #	Main Steam 2C Isolation Bypass Ctrl.	NA
SM-11 #	Main Steam 2B Isolation Bypass Ctrl.	NA
SM-12 #	Main Steam 2A Isolation Bypass Ctrl.	NA
SV-19 #	Main Steam 2A PORV	NA
SV-13 #	Main Steam 2B PORV	NA
SV-7 #	Main Steam 2C PORV	NA
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WL-867A**	Containment Vent Unit Drains Inside Containment Isolation	≤ 10
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Amendment No. 143
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(Unit 1)
(Unit 2)

TABLE 3.6-2b (Continued)

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3. Manual (Continued)		
SM-103#	Main Steam 2C	N.A.
SM-119#	Main Steam 2C	N.A.
SM-141#	Main Steam 2C	N.A.
SA-4#	Main Steam 2C	N.A.
SM-19#	Main Steam 2D	N.A.
SM-70#*	Main Steam 2D	N.A.
SM-102#	Main Steam 2D	N.A.
SM-118#	Main Steam 2D	N.A.
SM-140#	Main Steam 2D	N.A.
WE-20*	Cont Bldg Supply Isol	N.A.
WE-22*	Cont Bldg Supply Isol	N.A.
WE-56*	Cont Bldg Supply Isol	N.A.
FW-4*	Refueling Water	N.A.
NV-862#*	Pressurizer Auxiliary Spray ND Outside Containment	N.A.
WLA-21#*	Steam Generator Drain Pump Discharge Outside Containment Isolation	N.A.
WLA-24#*	Steam Generator Drain Pump Discharge Outside Containment Isolation	N.A.

TABLE NOTATIONS

- * May be opened on an intermittent basis under administrative control.
- ** Valve also receives a High Radiation (H) and/or a High Relative Humidity isolation signal.
- # Not subject to Type C leakage tests.
- ## Not applicable to Unit 2 after refueling outage 2EOC8.

NOTE: Times are for valve operation only, and do not include any sensor response or circuit delay times.
See Specification 3/4 3.2 for system actuation response times.

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Amendment No. 143 (Unit 1)
Amendment No. 137 (Unit 2)



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 143 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-35
AND AMENDMENT NO. 137 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-52
DUKE POWER COMPANY, ET AL.
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-413 AND 50-414

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated January 11, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated April 2, 1996, Duke Power Company, et al. (the licensee), submitted a request for changes to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would revise TS Table 3.6-1, Table 3.6-2a and Table 3.6-2b to delete references to process penetration M308 and service water system (RN) valves RN-429A and RN-432B from the lists of secondary containment bypass valves and containment isolation valves. The RN valves are no longer in service and are planned to be removed in forthcoming outages. The penetration will then be capped with blank flanges. The April 2, 1996, letter provided additional information that did not change the scope of the January 11, 1996, application and the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

2.0 EVALUATION

A modification to the plant design has changed the upper containment ventilation unit's (UCVU) normal cooling supply from the nuclear service raw water system (RN) to the containment cooling chilled water system (YV). The involved penetration M308 piping and service water inside and outside isolation valves, RN-429A and RN-432B, no longer serve a useful purpose in supplying cooling water to the UCVUs. The licensee plans to remove the isolation valves, associated wiring and control room instrumentation, and cut and cap tubing providing containment valve injection water to these valves during forthcoming outages on Units 1 and 2. The licensee will then cap the remaining section of penetration piping on each end with removable blank flanges. The penetration will then become a Type B penetration for containment leakage testing purposes and a test connection will be provided for the required post-modification test, the periodic Type B test and subsequent tests following further use of the penetration.

The staff finds that given the change in the intended usage of the penetration and its associated components, and the provisions to include the penetration in the containment leakage Type B testing program, it is no longer appropriate to maintain the requirement for isolation valve stroke time testing for the RN-429A and RN-432B valves in Tables 3.6-2a and 3.6-2b, and it is no longer necessary to maintain the requirement for Type C testing of penetration M308 in TS Table 3.6-1. Therefore, the licensee's proposal to make these changes to the TS is acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the South Carolina State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change requirements with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (61 FR 5813 dated February 14, 1996). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Principal Contributor: R. E. Martin

Date: April 23, 1996