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Before Administrative Judges:

Ann Marshall Young, Chair
Dr. Charles N. Kelber
Lester S. Rubenstein

In the Matter of

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2,
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2)

Docket No's. 50-369-LR, 50-370-LR,
50-413-LR, and 50-414-LR

ASLBP No. 02-794-01-LR

May 30, 2003

ORDER

(Regarding June 18, 2003, Meeting on GSI-189, and
Deadline to Report to Licensing Board)

On May 22, 2003, Counsel for the NRC Staff advised the Licensing Board and all parties in this proceeding, which concerns Duke Energy Corporation's application to renew the operating licenses for Units 1 and 2 of its McGuire Nuclear Station and Units 1 and 2 of its Catawba Nuclear Station, of a June 18, 2003, meeting with stakeholders about the resolution of GSI-189.

Given that since early on in this proceeding the parties have often referred to GSI-189 in their oral and written arguments on Amended Contention 2, currently under consideration by the Board, and given that the purpose of the June 18 meeting is "[t]o discuss the NRC staff plans for resolution of GSI-189 . . . ," the Board considers it appropriate to encourage all parties to attend this meeting, and to consider and communicate with each other about the possibility of settlement with regard to Amended Contention 2 based upon any information forthcoming from the June 18 meeting.

The parties shall notify the Board whether resolution of this contention appears to be a reasonable possibility, as well as of any other new developments arising out of the meeting, by June 25, 2003; if an extension of this deadline appears appropriate based on the parties' communications, such shall be requested prior to the June 25 deadline.

The parties should draw no conclusions about the Board's inclinations on its ruling on Amended Contention 2 from any part this Order.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD¹

/RA/

Ann Marshall Young, Chair
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
May 30, 2003

¹Copies of this Order were sent this date by Internet e-mail or facsimile transmission, if available, to all participants or counsel for participants.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB ORDER (REGARDING JUNE 18, 2003, MEETING ON GSI-189, AND DEADLINE TO REPORT TO LICENSING BOARD) have been served upon the following persons by deposit in the U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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