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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation  
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 & 2  
Docket Nos. 50-413, 414  
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 & 2  
Docket Nos. 50-369, 370  
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 & 3  
Docket Nos. 50-269, 270, 287

Issuance of First Revised NRC Order (EA-03-009)  
Establishing Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor  
Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202, this letter provides the Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) 20-day Response to the February 20, 2004 First Revised NRC Order Establishing Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors for the Catawba, McGuire and Oconee Nuclear Stations. Duke consents to the requirements contained in the Order for Catawba, McGuire and Oconee Nuclear Stations:

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Gregory S. Kent at (704)373-6032.

Very truly yours,

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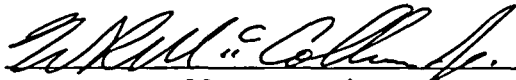
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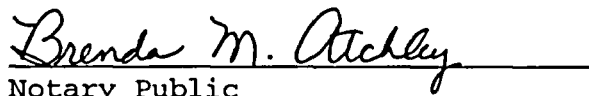
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W. R. McCollum, affirms that he is the person who subscribed his name to the foregoing statement, and that all the matters and facts set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

  
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Subscribed and sworn to me: March 9, 2004  
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