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In the Matter of DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION (Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-413-OLA and 414-OLA

Dear Administrative Judges:

Enclosed please find a copy of the "Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff's Response to Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League's Contentions Regarding Duke's Security Plan Submittal." This document contains Safeguards Information, and is being distributed in accordance with the provisions of the December 15, 2003 Protective Order issued by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in this proceeding. Please contact me if there are any questions concerning this document or the delivery therof.

Sincerely,

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