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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3
NRC Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
NRC Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
NRC Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414
Response to NRC Request For Additional Information,
Letter Dated July 9, 2004

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") issued an Order dated April 29, 2003, requiring compliance with Revised Design Basis Threat ("Order EA-03-086") and other security related Orders (collectively "Orders") in Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287, Oconee Nuclear Station, 50-369, 50-370, McGuire Nuclear Station, and 50-413, 50-414, Catawba Nuclear Station. On June 2, 2003, pursuant to 10 CFR §50.4 and Conditions III A.1, B.1 and B.2, Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke") submitted its response to Order EA-03-086. On April 27, 2004 Duke submitted a supplemental response to Order EA-03-086.

On July, 9, 2004 the NRC transmitted a Request for Additional Information ("RAI") containing safeguards information in a letter to Mr. Henry B. Barron, Group Vice President, Nuclear Generation and Chief Nuclear Officer, Duke Energy Corporation. The July 9 RAI was based on the NRC endorsed template developed by the Nuclear Energy Institute NEI-03-12, Revision 1, dated April 2004, including the NRC staff's final position on certain issues which was provided by separate correspondence. The RAI was also based on guidance in NRC-endorsed NEI 03-09 Revision 2, "Security Officer Training Program," dated April 2004.

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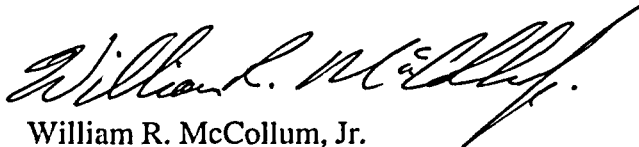
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Consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR §50.4, attached hereto as Attachment I is Duke's response to the July 9, 2004 NRC RAI. Upon resolution of this and forthcoming NRC RAI, Duke will submit a revision to the April 27, 2004 submittal. The attached information contains Safeguards Information and is subject to 10 CFR §73.21 restrictions. Also, the attached information contains licensee physical protection information. Therefore, Duke requests that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR §2.790(d)(1).

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Randall D. Hart, Catawba Nuclear Station, at (803) 831-3622.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

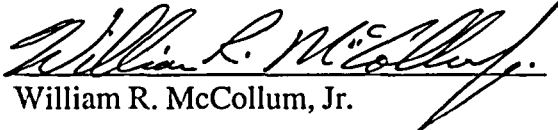
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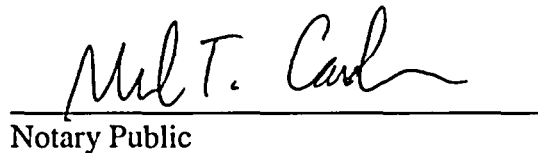
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William R. McCollum, Jr., affirms that he is the person who subscribed his name to the foregoing statement, and that all the matters and facts set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

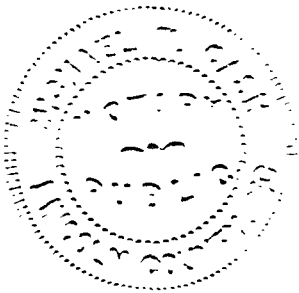

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Subscribed and sworn to me: July 22, 2004
Date


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