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ATTENTION: Document Control Desk

Subject: Duke Power Company LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414
Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2006-15
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

On August 14, 2006, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2006-15, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." The subject RIS requested an update to the NRC on projected site-specific operator licensing examination schedules, as well as the estimated numbers of applicants planning to take operator licensing examinations and the NRC's generic fundamentals examinations (GFEs).

NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data" is attached as requested for Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Nuclear Stations.

Please direct any questions to L. B. Jones at (704) 382-4753.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

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**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NE0B-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY

Oconee

NOTE: Section A: ONS prepares operating exam / NRC Prepares Written (Only ONE exam each year. program would not let me modify the number in section "A" to denote split exam generation.

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>07</u>	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>07</u>	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	9	12	10	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	2	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	4	4	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	08/27/2007	09/22/2008	09/29/2009	09/27/2010
ALTERNATE DATE	09/10/2007	09/29/2008	10/05/2009	10/04/2010

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2007</u>				CY <u>2008</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	13				14			

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>07</u>	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>07</u>	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	3	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	3	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	4	6	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	03/19/2007	05/05/2008	04/13/2009	04/19/2010
ALTERNATE DATE	03/26/2007	05/12/2008	04/20/2009	04/26/2010

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>07</u>				CY <u>08</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	6				6			

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EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY Catawba Nuclear Station	NRC REGION 2
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 07	CY 08	CY 09	CY 10
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 07	CY 08	CY 09	CY 10
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	7	7	7	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	2	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	3	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	12/03/2007	12/01/2008	12/07/2009	12/06/2010
ALTERNATE DATE	12/10/2007	12/08/2008	12/14/2009	12/13/2010

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 07				CY 08			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0