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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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Subject: Duke Power Company, LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

Letter of Intent to Start the Transition to NFPA 805
Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for
Light Water Reactor Generating Plants, 2001 Edition

On June 8, 2005, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) accepted Duke's intent to adopt 10 CFR 50.48(c) (NFPA 805 Rule) for all three sites with Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) starting the transition on June 1, 2005. In that letter, Duke was directed to inform the NRC when the transition would begin at the McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations and identify the expected transition period.

Catawba Nuclear Station intends to begin its transition to the NFPA 805 performance-based standard for fire protection on July 2, 2007. Although our original NFPA 805 transition plans indicated a transition time of 24 months, new requirements for the Fire Protection PRA peer review for non-pilot plants identified the need for a 3-year transition window; implementation at Catawba is expected to be completed by July 2, 2010.

Any questions concerning this subject should be directed to Kay Nicholson (803.831.3237), David Goforth (704.382.2659), or David Leslie (704.382.0978).

Sincerely,

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