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ATTENTION: Document Control Desk

Subject: 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 2008-16
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

On June 27, 2008, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2008-16, "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.

Sincerely,

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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, NEOB-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 Nuclear Station

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 09	CY 10	CY 11	CY 12
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	2	2	2
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 09	CY 10		CY 11		CY 12	
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	9	6	6	6	6	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	6	2	2	2	2	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES							
PRIMARY DATE	3/2/09	3/29/10	9/13/10	4/24/11	10/3/11	4/23/12	10/8/12
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A (already scheduled)	4/5/10	8/30/10	5/1/11	9/19/11	4/30/12	9/24/12

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE)

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 09				CY 10			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	7	0	7	0	7	0

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FACILITY McGuire Nuclear Station	NRC REGION II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>	CY <u>11</u>	CY <u>12</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>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>	CY <u>11</u>	CY <u>12</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	7	7	11	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	1	1	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	2	4	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	05/11/2009	06/28/2010	05/16/2011	05/14/2012
ALTERNATE DATE	05/18/2009	07/06/2010	05/23/2011	05/21/2012

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>09</u>				CY <u>10</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	9	0	0	0	8	0	0	0

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

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>	CY <u>11</u>	CY <u>12</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>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>	CY <u>11</u>	CY <u>12</u>
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	12/07/2009	12/06/2010	12/05/2011	12/03/2012
ALTERNATE DATE	12/14/2009	12/13/2010	12/12/2011	12/10/2012

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>09</u>				CY <u>10</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0