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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke)

Request for Comment Period Extension

NRC (NRC-2008-0122) and FEMA (FEMA-2008-0022)

Duke has reviewed the Federal Register notice for the proposed rule amending emergency planning and preparedness regulations in 10 CFR 50 and 10 CFR 52, (74 FR 23254, dated May 18, 2009). In addition, both the NRC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published related guidance for public comment on the same date (74 FR 23219, 74 FR 23220, 74 FR 23221, and 74 FR 23198). Public comments on the NRC's proposed rule and supporting guidance are currently due by August 3, 2009, and draft Regulatory Guide DG-1237 by September 1, 2009. Based on the amount of the published material concerning the proposed emergency planning rule, Duke is hereby fully endorsing the request made by the Nuclear Energy Institute by letter dated May 18, 2009, for an extension of time for public comments from 75 days to 150 days.

Duke appreciates being given an opportunity to comment on these matters.

Please address any questions to R. L. Gill at (704) 382-3339.

Sincerely,

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