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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
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Subject: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3  
Renewed Facility Operating License, DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55  
Docket Numbers 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287  
Interim 30-Day Response to Reference 2.

References:

1. Duke Letter from Dave Baxter to NRC Document Control Desk, "Request for Extension of Duke Response Time to Referenced Letter [Reference 2]" dated May 20, 2009.
2. NRC Letter from Joseph G. Giitter to Dave Baxter, "Evaluation of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke), September 26, 2008, Response to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Letter dated August 15, 2008, Related to External Flooding at Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 (Oconee) (TAC Nos. MD8224, MD8225, and MD8226)," dated April 30, 2009.

On May 11, 2009, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Hydropower Consultant HDR-DTA personnel participated in a closed meeting at NRC headquarters with representatives from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and Region II. At that meeting, Duke presented information regarding preliminary inundation studies and sensitivity analyses involving a postulated failure of the Jocassee Dam and potential flooding at Oconee.

By letter dated April 30, 2009 (Reference 2), the NRC requested that Duke provide its plan and schedule for completing the final inundation studies and sensitivity analyses within 30 days following the May 11, 2009, meeting. In addition, the letter stated that the NRC and Duke

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will begin holding monthly status meetings in June 2009 to further discuss these issues. On May 20, 2009, Duke responded to the April 30, 2009, letter by committing to provide an interim response within 30 days following the May 11, 2009, meeting and a final response within 60 days following that meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to provide Duke's interim 30 day response which includes Attachment 1, "Tentative Project Schedule for Completing the Final Inundation Studies and Sensitivity Analyses." This schedule will be discussed with the NRC staff during the monthly meeting scheduled for June 11, 2009.

Since this letter and the attachment contain commercially sensitive information, Duke hereby requests the NRC withhold the letter and the attachment from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390 (d) (1), "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding."

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Jeff Thomas, Fleet Regulatory Compliance Manager, at 864-873-2790 (Oconee) or 704-382-3438 (Charlotte).

Sincerely,



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Attachment:

1. Tentative Project Schedule for Completing the Final Inundation Studies and Sensitivity Analyses

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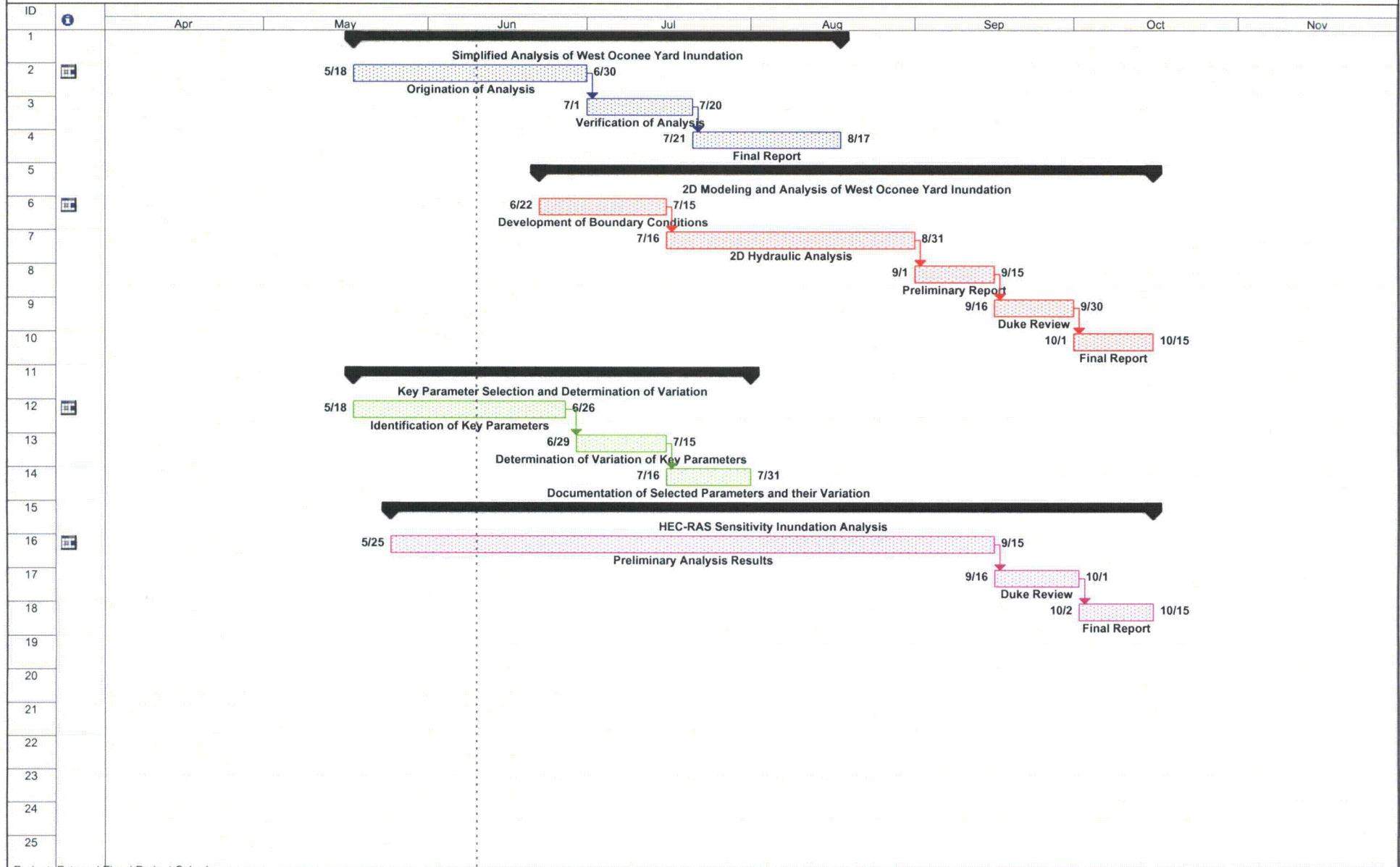
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Attachment 1

Tentative Project Schedule for Completing the Final Inundation Studies and Sensitivity Analyses



Project: External Flood Project Schedule  
Date: Wed 6/10/09

Task Progress Summary External Tasks  
Split Milestone Project Summary External Milestone

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