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Subject: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket Numbers 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287
Request for Additional Information regarding the License Amendment Request to adopt NFPA 805 Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Generating Plants (2001 Edition)
License Amendment Request (LAR) 2008-01

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.90, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke) proposes to amend Renewed Facility Operating Licenses (FOLs) Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55. This LAR requests Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and approval for adoption of a new fire protection licensing basis which complies with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.48(a), 10 CFR 50.48(c), and the guidance in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.205. The LAR was submitted to the NRC on October 31, 2008 and supplemented in letters dated January 30, 2009, February 9, 2009, February 23, 2009, May 31, 2009, August 3, 2009, September 29, 2009, and November 30, 2009.

Duke and the NRC met on November 12, 2009, to ensure that Duke is incorporating proposed RG 1.205, Revision 1, properly. As discussed during the November 12, 2009 Public Meeting, Duke will take the following actions:

- Define Primary Control Station.
- Establish a Mission Time.
- Determine recovery actions required to demonstrate availability of a success path.
- Evaluate the risk of recovery actions (Resolution of FAQ 07-0030).

Duke previously committed to supplement the LAR by January 31, 2010, for transition to NFPA 805. However, due to methodology development and continued work required to implement proposed RG 1.205, Revision 1, the anticipated commitment date for the supplement is being delayed. A new project schedule loaded with the additional activities required to meet the new guidance has been completed and will be posted to the shared website for reference.

This letter serves to notify the NRC that Duke will provide the LAR supplement by April 15, 2010.

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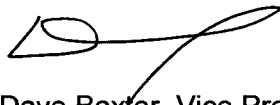
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Duke will also provide a revised and complete listing of NFPA 805 commitments when the LAR is supplemented.

If there are any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Reene' Gambrell at (864) 873-3364 or David J. Goforth at (704) 382-2659.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on December 17, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Baxter", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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