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SUBJECT: WILLIAM STATES LEE III NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 COMBINED
LICENSE APPLICATION – REVISED REVIEW SCHEDULE

Dear Mr. Dolan:

By letter dated December 12, 2007 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Number (ADAMS), ML073510494) Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke) submitted its application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 52. This letter updates and replaces the safety review schedule discussed in the letter dated April 2, 2008 (ADAMS Accession Number ML080920621). The review supports the issuance of a Final Safety Evaluation Report and a Final Environmental Impact Statement in August 2012.

The William States Lee III Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 (WSL) COL application review schedule has been previously communicated to you in several letters. This letter does not change the environmental review schedule that was discussed in the letter dated January 5, 2010 (ADAMS Accession Number ML092660080).

Safety Review Schedule

The WSL Units 1 and 2 COL application incorporates by reference both Appendix D to 10 CFR 52 and the AP1000 Design Control Document amendment submitted by Westinghouse as Revision 17. Therefore, a substantial portion of the WSL Units 1 and 2 COL review schedule is dependent on the review schedule for the AP1000 Design Certification Amendment (DCA). Because the technical issues on the DCA required substantial resources well beyond those originally planned, the staff's efforts to complete the design certification amendment has had a resultant significant impact on the review schedules for plants referencing the AP1000 design.

By letter dated February 25, 2010 (ADAMS Accession Number ML100620211), Duke's submittal of the WSL COL application, Revision 2, revised the Commercial Operation Date (COD) to CY 2021 for WSL Unit 1.

We have updated the WSL Units 1 and 2 safety review schedule to reflect the circumstances described above, and the schedule is consistent with the Office of New Reactor's practice of focusing resources on the completion of the review of design certifications, limited work authorizations, and combined license applications needed for new nuclear projects that are expected to start operating during CY2016-CY2017. The revised WSL Units 1 and 2 safety review schedule is provided in Table 1 of this letter. Should any revisions to the AP1000 DCA, Vogtle Reference COL application, or WSL COL application occur, we will further revise the review schedule, as necessary.

Environmental Review Schedule

The enclosure to the January 5, 2010, WSL Units 1 and 2 COL review schedule letter summarized major public milestones for the Lee Station COL application environmental review. Public milestones include issuing the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in July 2011; resolving comments on the draft EIS by February 2012; and issuing the final EIS in August 2012. The current WSL Units 1 and 2 environmental review schedule is provided in Table 1 of this letter.

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Should you have any questions regarding the safety review schedule, please contact Brian Hughes at (301) 415-6582 or e-mail at Brian.Hughes@nrc.gov. Should you have any questions regarding the environmental review schedule, please contact Sarah Lopas at (301) 415-1147 or e-mail at Sarah.Lopas@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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<u>Phase of Safety Review</u>	<u>Target Completion Date</u>
Phase A Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) and Supplemental RAIs	Completed
Phase B Advanced Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with no Open Items (OIs)	2/2012
Phase C ACRS review of Advanced SER with no OIs	5/2012
Phase D Final SER Issued	8/2012
<u>Phase of Environmental Review</u>	<u>Target Completion Date</u>
Phase 2 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	07/2011
Phase 3 Response to public comments on DEIS completed	02/2012
Phase 4 Final Environmental Impact Statement	08/2012

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