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SUBJECT: WILLIAM STATES LEE III NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 COMBINED  
LICENSE APPLICATION – ADVANCED SAFETY EVALUATION WITHOUT OPEN  
ITEMS FOR CHAPTER 14, “INITIAL TEST PROGRAM”

Dear Mr. Jones:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is preparing an advanced safety evaluation (ASE) without open items (OIs) for each chapter of the William States Lee III Nuclear Station (WLS), Units 1 and 2 Combined License Application (COLA) submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke) on December 12, 2007.

The staff’s ASE without OIs for Chapter 14, “Initial Test Program,” is being provided to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee to support upcoming meetings of the ACRS Subcommittee, scheduled to be held in August 2012.

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