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MEMORANDUM TO: Edwin M. Hackett, Executive Director  
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

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Office of New Reactors

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”

By letter dated December 12, 2007 (ML073510494), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC. (Duke) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for William States Lee III Nuclear Station (WLS), Units 1 and 2.

Based on our review of the application, the staff is providing the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) its Advanced Safety Evaluation (ASE), without open items for Chapter 14, “Initial Test Program” (ML11111A022). Unless otherwise stated in the ASE, the staff’s review was based on Revision 4 of the application. The ASE is being provided to support a meeting of the subcommittee of the ACRS in August 2012. The ACRS full committee meeting will be held after the subcommittee meeting.

In accordance with the memorandum to the ACRS date March 17, 2010 (ML100700612), the staff has reviewed the submitted information against the categories for which the ACRS requested be used to highlight information for review by the committee. The staff’s assessment of this chapter is that there are no items that meet the categories for discussion with the Committee.

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