

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 52-018 and 52-019; NRC-2008-0170]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

for Combined Licenses for Units 1 and 2 at the William States Lee III Nuclear Station Site

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Charleston District, have published NUREG-2111, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Combined Licenses (COL) for William States Lee III Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2." The Lee Nuclear Station site is located in Cherokee County, South Carolina. The application for the COLs was submitted by letter dated December 12, 2007, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 52. A notice of receipt and availability of the application, which included the environmental report, was published in the *Federal Register* on January 28, 2008 (73 FR 6218). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the COL application was published in the *Federal Register* on February 29, 2008 (73 FR 11156). A notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and to conduct the scoping process was published in the *Federal Register* on March 20, 2008 (73 FR 15009). A notice of intent to conduct a supplemental scoping process for the supplement to the environmental report was published in the *Federal Register* on May 24, 2010 (75 FR 28822).

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft EIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be considered, comments on the draft EIS must be received by March 6, 2012. The NRC Staff is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSEES: Please include Docket ID **NRC-2008-0170** in the subject line of your comments. For additional instructions on submitting comments and instructions on accessing documents related to this action, see “Submitting Comments and Accessing Information” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2008-0170. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, telephone: 301-492-3668; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.
- **Mail comments to:** Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.
- **Fax comments to:** RADB at 301-492-3446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Submitting Comments and Accessing Information

Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

You can access publicly available documents related to this document using the following methods:

- **NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):** The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or via e-mail to pdresource@nrc.gov. The draft EIS is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML113430094.
- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID **NRC-2008-0170**.

In addition, the draft EIS can be accessed online at the NRC's William States Lee III Nuclear site specific webpage at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/lee.html>. The Cherokee County Public Library, 300 E. Rutledge Avenue, Gaffney, SC 29340, has also agreed to make the draft EIS available to the public.

The NRC staff will hold two public meetings to present an overview of the draft EIS and to accept public comments on the document on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at Restoration Church International, 1905 N. Limestone Street, Gaffney, SC 29340. The first meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m., as necessary. The second meeting will

convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the first meeting, and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. The meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft EIS; and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. To be considered, comments must be provided during the transcribed public meeting either orally or in writing. Additionally, the NRC and USACE staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of each meeting during which members of the public may meet and talk with staff members on an informal basis. No formal comments on the draft EIS will be accepted during the informal discussions.

Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meetings by contacting Ms. Sarah Lopas by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1147, or via e-mail to Sarah.Lopas@nrc.gov no later than January 17, 2012. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meetings within 15 minutes of the start of each meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak if time permits. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meetings, the need should be brought to Ms. Sarah Lopas's attention no later than January 12, 2012, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sarah Lopas, Project Manager,
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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of December, 2011.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.

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