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December 8, 2011

Mr. Preston Gillespie
Site Vice President
Oconee Nuclear Station
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
7800 Rochester Highway
Seneca, SC 29672

SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 (OCONEE 1, 2, AND 3),
ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF THE MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY
RECAPTURE POWER UPRATE LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NOS.
ME7164, ME7165, AND ME7166)

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

By letter dated September 20, 2011, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke, the licensee), submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for Oconee 1, 2, and 3. The proposed amendment requested approval of a measurement uncertainty recapture (MUR) power uprate. An acceptance review was performed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to determine if there was sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. By letter dated November 7, 2011, the NRC informed the licensee that additional information was necessary to enable the NRC staff to make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. By letter dated November 21, 2011, the licensee supplemented the September 20, 2011, application with the additional information requested by the NRC. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staffs acceptance review of this LAR.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 50, an amendment to the license (including the Technical Specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

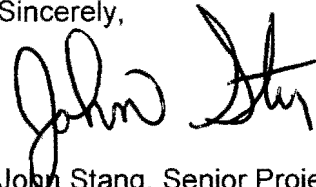
The NRC staff has now completed its review of your application and supplemental information, and concludes that it now provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1345 or via email John.Stang@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Stang". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "S".

John Stang, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch II-1
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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