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Subject: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy)

Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS), Units 1, 2 and 3  
Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287  
Renewed License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55

McGuire Nuclear Station (MNS), Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370  
Renewed License Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17

Catawba Nuclear Station (CNS), Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414  
Renewed License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52

Response to NRC Request for Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f)  
Regarding the Seismic Aspects of Recommendation 2.1 of the Near-Term Task  
Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident

Reference: 1. NRC Letter, Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of  
Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3,  
of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi  
Accident; dated March 12, 2012.

On March 12, 2012, the NRC staff issued Reference 1. Enclosure 1 of Reference 1 contains specific requested actions and requested information associated with Recommendation 2.1, Seismic Evaluations. Reference 1 requires that, if an addressee cannot meet the requested response date, it must provide a response to the NRC within 90 days of the date of the information request describing the licensee's proposed alternative course of action, the basis for the acceptability of the proposed alternative course of action, and the estimated completion dates.

Duke Energy cannot determine if it can meet the requested response dates for submitting the Seismic Hazard Evaluation and the Seismic Risk Evaluation (items 1 through 9 of Reference 1) until the Screening, Prioritization and Implementation Details (SPID) guidance is endorsed by the NRC.

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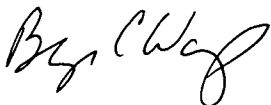
Within 60 days of NRC endorsement of the SPID guidance, Duke Energy will submit: (1) its intention to follow the endorsed guidance, or (2) an alternative approach. At that time, Duke Energy will assess whether it can meet the submittal deadlines for the Seismic Hazard Evaluation and Seismic Risk Evaluation and take the appropriate regulatory action.

This is Duke Energy's consolidated response for all of its licensed operating plants (ONS Units 1, 2 and 3; MNS Units 1 and 2; and CNS Units 1 and 2). This response contains no new regulatory commitments.

Should you have questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact Jeff Thomas at (704) 382-3438.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 8th day of June, 2012.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben C. Waldrep". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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