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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 2.3 of the Near-Term Task
Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident

References:

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.
2. NRC Letter, Endorsement of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Draft Report 1025286, "Seismic Walkdown Guidance," dated May 31, 2012.

On March 12, 2012, the NRC staff issued Reference 1. Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 contains specific Requested Actions, Requested Information, and Required Responses associated with Recommendation 2.3 for Seismic. This letter provides Duke Energy's 120-day response to Reference 1 for Seismic Recommendation 2.3 for the following licensed facilities: ONS Units 1, 2 and 3; MNS Units 1 and 2; and CNS Units 1 and 2.

For Seismic Recommendation 2.3 (walkdowns), Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 states that each licensee will confirm that they intend to use the NRC-endorsed seismic walkdown procedure or

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provide to the NRC a description of the process that will be used to conduct the walkdowns and develop the needed information.

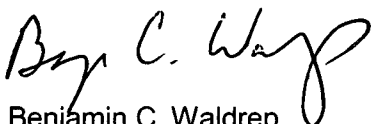
Duke Energy confirms that it will use the seismic walkdown guidance (EPRI 1025286, "Seismic Walkdown Guidance: For Resolution of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3: Seismic") as endorsed by Reference 2 to conduct the walkdowns and develop the needed information at the following licensed facilities: ONS Units 1, 2 and 3; MNS Units 1 and 2; and CNS Units 1 and 2.

A list of the new voluntary regulatory commitments contained within this letter is provided as Enclosure 1.

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 9th day of July, 2012.

Respectfully,



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Enclosures

1. List of New Voluntary Regulatory Commitments

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Enclosure 1
List of New Voluntary Regulatory Commitments

Below is a list of actions that are described within this document and considered voluntary regulatory commitments. Any other statements in this document are provided for information purposes and are not considered to be regulatory commitments.

1. Duke Energy confirms that it will use the seismic walkdown guidance (EPRI 1025286, "Seismic Walkdown Guidance: For Resolution of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3: Seismic") as endorsed by Reference 2 to conduct the walkdowns and develop the needed information at the following licensed facilities: ONS Units 1, 2 and 3; MNS Units 1 and 2; and CNS Units 1 and 2.