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Subject: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3
Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414
Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

On June 8, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." The RIS requests the voluntary submittal of licensees to provide updated information on future licensing examinations for operators for the calendar years 2014 through 2017 on Form 536. Included are the estimates for Proposed Generic Fundamentals Examinations.

Attached are the NRC 536 forms for the Oconee Nuclear Station, McGuire Nuclear Station and Catawba Nuclear Station.

This submittal contains no new regulatory commitments or changes to previous commitments. Please direct any questions to Karla Sheffield at (704) 382-4164.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY Oconee Nuclear Station	NRC REGION II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 14	CY 15	CY 16	CY 17
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	2	2	2	2
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 14		CY 15		CY 16		CY 17	
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	6-9-14	12-8-14	6-8-15	12-7-15	6-13-16	12-5-16	6-12-17	12-4-17
ALTERNATE DATE	6-23-14	12-1-14	6-22-15	11-30-15	6-20-16	12-12-16	6-19-17	12-11-17

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 14				CY 15			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	6	0	0	5	6	0	0	5

NRC FORM 536 <small>(9-2011)</small>	U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131	EXPIRES: 09/30/2014
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FACILITY McGuire Nuclear Station	NRC REGION 11
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>14</u>	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS				
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>14</u>	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	6	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	3	3	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	3	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	8/11/2014	8/10/2015	7/10/2016	8/14/2017
ALTERNATE DATE	8/25/2014	8/24/2015	8/7/2016	8/28/2017

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>14</u>				CY <u>15</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0

NRC FORM 538 (9-2011)	U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131	EXPIRES: 08/30/2014
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA		<p>Estimated burden per response to comply with the voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Information Services Branch (T-5 F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or by Internet e-mail to InfoCollection.Resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NRC-08-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.</p>	

FACILITY Catawba Nuclear Station	NRC REGION 11
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>14</u>	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>14</u>	CY <u>15</u>	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	6	9	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	3	3	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	6	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	05/12/2014	03/30/2015	02/29/2016	01/02/2017
ALTERNATE DATE	05/19/2014	04/06/2015	03/07/2016	01/09/2017

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>14</u>				CY <u>15</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	9	0	0	0	12	0	0	0