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10 CFR 50.54(f)

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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SUBJECT: Duke Energy, LLC (Duke Energy)

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

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

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

Duke Energy 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
2. Federal Register, Vol. 78, No. 38, Tuesday, February 26, 2013, pp. 13097-13099
3. NEI letter to NRC, Proposed Path Forward to NTTF Recommendation 2.1: Seismic Reevaluations, dated April 9, 2013

On March 12, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Reference 1 to all power reactor licensees and holders of construction permits in active or deferred status. Enclosure 1 of Reference 1 contains specific Requested Actions, Requested Information, and Required Responses associated with Recommendation 2.1, Seismic Evaluations. Reference 1 requires a "60-day response" in which each addressee must submit: (1) its intent to follow the developed guidance, or (2) an alternative approach including acceptance criteria. In accordance with References 1 and 2, the 60-day responses are due to the NRC by April 29, 2013.

Duke Energy intends to respond to Enclosure 1 of Reference 1 by following the approach described in Reference 3, and on the schedule provided in Reference 3.

This letter contains no new regulatory commitments.

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Should you have any 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 April 26, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Waldrep', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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