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Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Numbers 50-413, and 50-414/Renewed License Numbers NPF-35, and NPF-52

McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Numbers 50-369, and 50-370/Renewed License Numbers NPF-9, and NPF-17

Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3  
Docket Numbers 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287/Renewed License Numbers DPR-38, DPR-47,  
and DPR-55

**Subject:** Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Response to NRC Request for Additional Information  
Regarding the 2013 Biennial Decommissioning Financial Assurance Report

By letter dated May 29, 2013, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML13142A435), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) issued a Request for Additional Information (RAI) related to the Biennial Decommissioning Financial Assurance Report for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3 (ADAMS Accession Number ML13091A022). Response to the NRC Staff's RAI is provided in the enclosure to this letter.

There are no regulatory commitments associated with this letter.

Should you have questions regarding the responses to the NRC Staff's RAI, please contact Paul Guill at (704) 382-4753 ([paul.guill@duke-energy.com](mailto:paul.guill@duke-energy.com)).

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**DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC**

**Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3**

**RESPONSE TO NRC RAI REGARDING THE 2013  
BIENNIAL DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL  
ASSURANCE REPORT**

**RAI-1: Amounts accumulated**

Provide the after-tax amount of funds accumulated through December 31, 2012.

On March 28, 2013, Duke Energy did not state if the amount of decommissioning funds accumulated was an after-tax amount for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; and Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.

The provisions of 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1) and (2) require the licensee to report the amount of funds accumulated to the end of the calendar year preceding the report.

**Response to RAI-1:**

The amounts reported by Duke Energy in the March 28, 2013, Biennial Decommissioning Financial Assurance Report for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; McGuire Nuclear Stations Units 1 and 2; and Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 are net of 2012 tax obligations.

The remaining co-owners of Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 are tax exempt; therefore, the amounts reported by them in the March 28, 2013, Biennial Decommissioning Financial Assurance Report are net of taxes.