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Subject: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
William States Lee III Nuclear Station – Docket Nos. 52-018 and 52-019  
AP1000 Combined License Application for the  
William States Lee III Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2  
Partial Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI No. 6419)  
Ltr# WLG2013.07-03

- References:
1. Letter from Brian Hughes (NRC) to Christopher Fallon (Duke Energy), Request for Additional Information Letter No. 105 Concerning Implementation of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendations for the William States Lee III Units 1 and 2 Combined License Application, dated April 25, 2012 (ML12116A336)
  2. May 16, 2013 Public Meeting to Discuss Duke Energy's Seismic Review for William States Lee III Units 1 and 2 Combined License Application (ML13122A458 – Meeting Notice, and ML13135A471 – Meeting Slides)
  3. Letter from Christopher M. Fallon (Duke Energy) to NRC Document Control Desk, Partial Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI No. 6419), Ltr# WLG2013.07-04, dated July 17, 2013

During the May 16, 2013 public meeting (Reference 2), Duke Energy discussed developing the response to NRC's Letter No. 105. During this discussion Duke Energy conveyed it will likely be necessary to demonstrate the AP1000 is qualified for hard-rock seismic inputs greater than those currently documented in the AP1000 DCD, Revision 19. Enclosure 2 to this letter contains the proprietary version of a technical report prepared by Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) to document the assessment of AP1000 building structures and equipment for a seismic input exceeding the DCD Hard Rock High Frequency (HRHF), to identify margins currently documented, and to identify topics requiring additional analysis to confirm their adequacy for increased seismic inputs. The report also identifies methods and approaches that will be used in that confirmation. The WEC report is supported by an affidavit (Enclosure 1) signed by Westinghouse, the owner of the information. Correspondence with respect to the copyright or proprietary aspects of the information listed in Enclosure 1 should reference the CAW-13-3754 letter and should be addressed to James A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance, Westinghouse Electric Company, Suite 310, 1000 Westinghouse Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066.

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As proposed during the May 16, 2013 public meeting, Duke Energy requests an NRC review of the technical report contained in Enclosure 2, and that NRC conduct a technical audit of that report and its supporting documentation at WEC's Cranberry, Pennsylvania offices. To support timely submittal of a response to NRC's Letter No. 105 and completion of an updated license application, we request that this audit be conducted by September 15, 2013.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Robert H. Kitchen, Nuclear Development Licensing Director, at (704) 382-4046.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 17, 2013.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure and Affidavit CAW-13-3754, dated July 8, 2013, Associated with the Transmittal of WLG-1000-2R-002, Revision 1, "Summary of CEUS HRHF Task 1 – Evaluation of Floor Response Spectra and TR115 Component Margins" (Proprietary)
2. Lee Nuclear Station, Westinghouse Electric Company Report, WLG-1000-S2R-002, Revision 1, *Summary of CEUS HRHF Task 1 – Evaluation of Floor Response Spectra and TR115 Component Margins* (Proprietary)

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