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Mr. K. Henderson
Site Vice President
Catawba Nuclear Station
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
4800 Concord Road
York, SC 29745

SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO ADOPT NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) 805 PERFORMANCE-BASED STANDARD FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR LIGHT-WATER REACTOR GENERATING PLANTS (TAC NOS. MF2936 AND MF2937)

Dear Mr. Henderson:

By letter dated September 25, 2013, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC submitted a license amendment request for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendment requests review and approval to transition the fire protection licensing basis at Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, from Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.48(b), to 10 CFR 50.48(c), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this proposed license amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with 10 CFR 50.90, an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Catawba Project Manager, Jason Paige, at (301) 415-5888.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Paige', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jason C. Paige, Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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