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On March 31, 1997, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted a license amendment request regarding changes to the Technical Specifications for the High Pressure Injection (HPI) System. Duke submitted additional information on February 9, 1998, and June 17, 1998. Additionally, the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a request for additional information (RAI) on July 16, 1998. Duke is withdrawing this license amendment request, because it needs to be substantially revised to address questions raised by the NRC staff in the RAI, and include a risk-informed argument in accordance with Regulatory Guides 1.174 and 1.177.

Duke plans to submit a revised license amendment request to resolve the deficiencies in the current HPI Technical Specifications by December 15, 1998. This revised submittal will stand alone. Also, it will be written in terms of the Improved Technical Specifications, because it is anticipated that the request will not be approved prior to the implementation of the Improved Technical Specifications in March 1999.

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