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Washington, DC 20555-0001SUBJECT: Duke Energy Corporation  
Oconee Nuclear Station  
Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI)  
Materials License No. SNM-2503, Docket No. 72-04

Pursuant to 10CFR72.56 this letter transmits a license amendment request (LAR) for the Oconee Nuclear Station ISFSI. It is requested that an amendment be made to update the ISFSI license such that the corporate name of the licensee is changed from Duke Power Company to Duke Energy Corporation. The purpose of this LAR is to implement the corporate name change that resulted from the merger of Duke Power Company and PanEnergy Corp. A LAR to similarly change the Oconee 10CFR50 Facility Operating Licenses (Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55) was submitted by Duke letter dated June 12, 1997 and approved by NRC letter dated September 16, 1997.

Duke is requesting that the NRC review and approve this LAR in a timely manner. Prior to NRC approval, no impact on the status of Materials License No. SNM-2503 or the continued operation of the Oconee ISFSI is foreseen, since this LAR contains proposed changes that are solely administrative in nature. Additionally, the changes proposed in this LAR have resulted in no impact on the operation of the Oconee ISFSI during the period since the closure of the Duke/PanEnergy merger.

The contents of this amendment package are as follows:

Attachment 1 provides a marked copy of the proposed amendment.

Attachment 2 provides the proposed amendment.

Attachment 3 provides a Description of Proposed Changes and Technical Justification.

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Attachment 4 provides the basis for the categorical exclusion from performing an Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement, which is submitted pursuant to 10CFR51.22(c)(10).

This LAR will impact the Oconee ISFSI Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR). The necessary revisions will be included in the next UFSAR update that follows approval of this amendment.

In accordance with Duke administrative procedures and the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report, this LAR has been previously reviewed and approved by the Oconee Plant Operations Review Committee and the Duke Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

A copy of this LAR is being sent to the State of South Carolina.

Questions on this LAR should be directed to J. S. Warren at (704) 382-4986.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. R. McCollum', is written over the typed name.

W. R. McCollum

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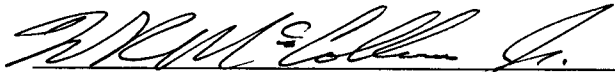
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AFFIDAVIT

W. R. McCollum, being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation; that he is authorized on the part of the said corporation to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station ISFSI Materials License No. SNM-2503; and that all statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

  
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W. R. McCollum, Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to me: 1-19-98  
Date

  
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