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Duke Energy Corporation
Nuclear Quality Assurance Program
Amendment 23

Pursuant to 10CFR50.54(a)(3), attached is Amendment 23 to the Duke Energy Corporation Topical Report, Duke-1-A, *Quality Assurance Program* (hereafter referred to as Topical Report). Duke will implement Amendment 23 on June 30, 1998, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3). Based upon the Duke evaluation contained in Attachment 1, the changes contained in Amendment 23 DO NOT INVOLVE ANY REDUCTION IN COMMITMENTS currently within the Duke Quality Assurance Program.

Amendment 23 contains: 1) numerous changes made necessary by conversion of the current Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Technical Specifications to the new Improved Technical Specifications (ITS); 2) various administrative changes made necessary by a reorganization of the Electric System Support Department (previously reported to the NRC by Duke letter dated January 8, 1998); 3) administrative changes to the description of the responsibilities of the Duke Power Group Human Resources Department; 4) administrative changes to the description of the responsibilities of the Duke Power Group Environmental, Health and Safety Department; 5) administrative changes to the description of the responsibilities of the Shared Services Department; 6) administrative changes to the description of the responsibilities of the Information Management Department; 7) clarification of the

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post maintenance/modification verification requirements of Topical Report Section 17.3.2.8, which is being made in response to Violation A contained in NRC Inspection Report Nos. 50-269/96-13, 50-270/96-13, and 50-287/96-13 dated November 4, 1996; 8) administrative changes to the description of the Information Management Quality Manual; 9) administrative changes to the description of the Duke Power Group Human Resources Manual; and 10) addition of records retention requirements for the Environmental, Health and Safety Department.

Items 2 through 10, as identified above, are not related to the implementation of the ITS. These items apply to the resolution of a previous NRC violation and administrative changes associated with organizational aspects of the Duke Quality Assurance Program.

Attachment 1 provides a detailed description, reason, and basis for each of the changes contained in Amendment 23.

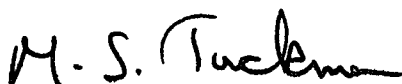
Attachment 2 provides a tabulated listing of each station's current Technical Specifications that are being relocated to the Topical Report, along with the corresponding location in Amendment 23.

To further illustrate the relocated Technical Specifications, Attachment 3 provides a copy of the marked pages from the ITS conversion packages that have been previously submitted to the NRC for each Duke nuclear station. These previous submittals were made by Duke letters dated May 27, 1997 for McGuire and Catawba, and October 28, 1997 for Oconee. The Technical Specifications being relocated to the Topical Report are flagged on the marked pages for reference by the NRC reviewers.

Amendment 23 is provided as Attachment 4. The changes contained in Amendment 23 are shown by the use of indicator bars on the left margin of the affected pages.

Please direct questions on this matter to J. S. Warren at (704) 382-4986.

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