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merger of Duke Power Co & Pan Energy Corp.

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Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414

Duke Energy Corporation
Nuclear Quality Assurance Program

Please find attached Amendment 22 to the Duke Energy Corporation Topical Report Duke-1, Quality Assurance Program. Amendment 22, which is being submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.54(a)(3), contains the changes necessary to reflect the merger of Duke Power Company and Pan Energy Corporation.

Specifically, Amendment 22 contains these changes:

- 1: References to "Duke Power" or "Duke Power Company" have been changed to either "Duke Energy Corporation" or "Duke" throughout the Topical Report.
2. The post-merger Duke Energy Corporation organization has been incorporated into the Topical Report. This organization was initially described to the NRC by Duke letter dated July 15, 1997. No organizational changes that significantly impact the quality assurance program have been made since the July 15 letter was submitted.

The merger of Duke Power Company and PanEnergy Corp. was initially described to the NRC in a Duke letter dated January 6, 1997. In response, the NRC issued a letter dated June 5, 1997 stating there was no basis found to object to the Duke/PanEnergy merger, and further concluded there were no adverse affects on Duke's

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financial or technical qualifications with respect to the operation of Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Nuclear Stations. The June 5 NRC letter did identify the need for Duke to submit amendments to change the licensee name as stated in the Facility Operating Licenses (FOLs) for its three nuclear stations. By letter dated June 12, 1997, Duke submitted proposed amendments to change the licensee name in the FOLs for Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba. Amendments changing the licensee name were subsequently approved for the Catawba FOL by NRC letter dated August 22, 1997; for the McGuire FOL by NRC letter dated August 26, 1997; and for the Oconee FOL by NRC letter dated September 16, 1997. Also, within its June 12 letter, Duke committed to submit changes to other regulatory documents that were made necessary by the merger. Amendment 22 fulfills this commitment for the Topical Report.

The justification contained in the June 12 Duke submittal for the FOL licensee name change emphasized that the proposed changes were solely administrative in nature. This is likewise true for the organizational changes contained in Topical Report Amendment 22. There are no programmatic changes or reductions in the current commitments of the Duke nuclear quality assurance program being proposed in Amendment 22. Additionally, no plant equipment or operating practices are affected. Consequently, Duke plans to implement Amendment 22 as permitted by 10CFR50.54(a)(3).

The changes contained in Amendment 22 are shown by the use of indicator bars on the left margin of the document.

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

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