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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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June 10, 2015

Mr. Ernest J. Kapopoulos Jr.
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SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, AND OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 – TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION REGARDING LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST RE: CYBER SECURITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE MILESTONE 8 (TAC NOS. MF5165, MF5166, MF5167, MF5168, MF5169, MF5170, AND MF5171)

Dear Mr. Kapopoulos:

By letter dated November 6, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14314A041), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke, the licensee), submitted a license amendment request for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3. The proposed amendment would modify the completion date for implementing Milestone 8 of the Duke Cyber Security Plan. Specifically, the proposed change would revise the date from June 30, 2015, to December 31, 2017.

Enclosed is the draft Safety Evaluation (SE) that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has prepared to support the proposed license amendment. Pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), we have made a preliminary determination that the enclosed draft SE does not contain security-related information, and the NRC staff requests that the licensee confirm that the draft SE does not contain any security-related information. If you believe that any information should be withheld from public disclosure, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390. The NRC staff requests that Duke provide comments regarding the security-related content in the draft SE within 5 business days from the date of this letter. The response timeframe was discussed with Mr. Arthur Zaremba of your staff on June 10, 2015.

Since the NRC review is not yet complete, this letter and the enclosure do not convey or represent an NRC staff position regarding Duke's request. Should the amendment be approved, the NRC staff will issue a publically available, nonsecurity-related version of the SE.

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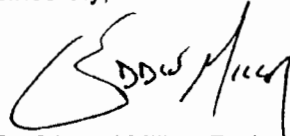
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at (301) 415-2481 or by e-mail at ed.miller@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Edward Miller". The signature is stylized and cursive.

G. Edward Miller, Project Manager
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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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