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Mr. Steven D. Capps
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SUBJECT: MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 – ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST RE: ALTERNATE VERIFICATION OF ICE CONDENSER LOWER INLET DOOR POSITION (CAC NOS. MF7526 AND MF7527)

Dear Mr. Capps:

By letter dated March 24, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16089A228), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for the McGuire Nuclear Station. The proposed amendment would allow a temporary extension of selected technical specification (TS)-required Completion Times to support repair activities associated with the Nuclear Service Water System. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this LAR. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the TSs) must fully describe the changes requested, and following, as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

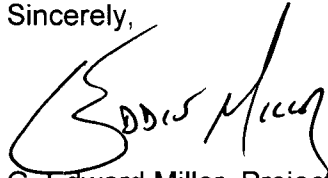
The NRC staff review of your application concluded that there was sufficient information to begin the detailed technical review. Prior to submittal of the LAR, Duke Energy engaged the NRC staff in a pre-application meeting (a summary of the meeting is available under ADAMS Accession No. ML15229A211). The summary included three staff suggestions regarding the content of the submittal. The NRC staff notes that two of the items from the meeting summary do not appear to be addressed in the submittal. Specifically, the items are (1) a discussion of how many doors are assumed to fail to open in the accident analysis and (2) clarification of whether the TS-required temperature measurement is air or ice temperature. The NRC staff, however, does not view these information needs as relating to the sufficiency of the submittal. Therefore, the aforementioned information needs will be satisfied through separate correspondence through the normal request for additional information process.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-2481 or Ed.Miller@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Edward Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "M".

G. Edward Miller, Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch II-1
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