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Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287

McGuire Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370

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

License Amendment Requests for
Facility Operating Licenses
Change of Licensee Name

Pursuant to 10CFR50.90, this letter transmits license amendment requests (LARs) for the Oconee Nuclear Station, McGuire Nuclear Station, and Catawba Nuclear Station Facility Operating Licenses (FOLs). It is requested that amendments be made to update these FOLs such that the corporate name of the licensee is changed from Duke Power Company to Duke Energy Corporation. The need for these LARs results from the forthcoming corporate merger of Duke Power Company and PanEnergy Corp.

June 18, 1997 is the date that has been established for the merger to close. Consequently, Duke is requesting that the NRC review and approve these LARs in a timely manner. Prior to NRC approval, no impact on the status of the FOLs or the continued operation of Oconee, McGuire, or Catawba Nuclear Stations is foreseen, since these LARs contain proposed changes that are solely administrative in nature.

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The contents of this amendment package are as follows:

Attachment 1 provides a Description of the Proposed Changes and Technical Justification.

Pursuant to 10CFR50.92, Attachment 2 documents the determination that the proposed amendment contains No Significant Hazards Consideration.

Pursuant to 10CFR51.22(c)(9) and (10), Attachment 3 provides the basis for the categorical exclusion from performing an Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.

Attachment 4 provides a marked copy of the affected pages of the current Technical Specifications for Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 showing the proposed changes.

Attachment 5 provides the proposed new Technical Specifications pages for Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3.

Changes to other regulatory documents (such as the Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Updated Final Safety Analysis Reports and the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report) will be required as a result of the merger. The necessary changes will be determined and completed in a timely manner.

In accordance with Duke administrative procedures and the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report, these LARs have been previously reviewed and approved by the Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Plant Operations Review Committees and the Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

Pursuant to 10CFR50.91, a copy of these LARs is being sent to the State of North Carolina and the State of South Carolina.

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

Very truly yours,


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Attachments

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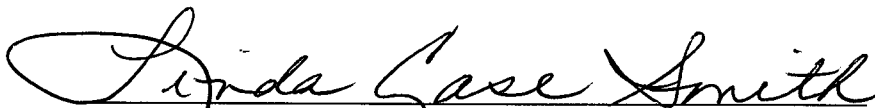
R. B. Priory, being duly sworn, states that he is President and Chief Operating Officer of Duke Power Company; that he is authorized on the part of the said company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55; McGuire Nuclear Station Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17; and Catawba Nuclear Station Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52; and that all statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



R. B. Priory, President and Chief Operating Officer

Subscribed and sworn to me:

June 12, 1997
Date



Linda Case Smith, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 6, 2000



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Attachment 1

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION

Background

On November 25, 1996 Duke Power Company announced that it would acquire PanEnergy Corp, a natural gas transmission company based in Houston, Texas. The resultant corporate structure and impact of this merger on Duke Power Company, as a nuclear licensee, was initially described to the NRC in a letter from M. S. Tuckman dated January 6, 1997. In connection with its merger with PanEnergy Corp (which will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Duke Power Company), Duke Power Company will change its name to Duke Energy Corporation. On June 5, 1997, the NRC issued a letter stating that it had no objection to this merger. In this letter, the NRC concluded the merger created no adverse affects on Duke Power Company's financial or technical qualifications with respect to the operation and decommissioning of Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Nuclear Stations, or the status of the ownership of these nuclear stations. However, the NRC letter did identify the need for submittal of a FOL amendment to reflect the change in licensee name. These LARs implement this NRC letter.

Proposed Changes

With the submittal of these LARs, the NRC is being requested to replace references to the names "Duke Power Company," "Duke Power," or "Duke," with references to the name "Duke Energy Corporation" in all applicable locations of FOLs DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55 for Oconee Nuclear Station; NPF-9 and NPF-17 for McGuire Nuclear Station; and NPF-35 and NPF-52 for Catawba Nuclear Station. Currently, these FOLs state that Duke Power Company is the NRC licensee. This request also applies to Appendix A (Technical Specifications) and Appendix C to FOLs DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55 for Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3; and Appendix D to FOLs NPF-35 and NPF-52 for Catawba Units 1 and 2.

For the Oconee Technical Specifications, marked copies of the affected pages are provided in Attachment 4 and proposed new pages are provided in Attachment 5. The affected Technical Specifications are: 3.7.9 and Bases, 4.6.14 (Bases only), and 6.1.1.4. The proposed changes to these Oconee Technical Specifications and Bases are administrative in nature and involve only a name change.

Attachment 1

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION

Similarly, in any pending applications or license amendments heretofore submitted by Duke Power Company, but not yet acted upon by the NRC, references to "Duke Power Company," "Duke Power," or "Duke" should also be replaced by "Duke Energy Corporation." This administrative change will also be reflected in future correspondence with the NRC.

Discussion

These LARs contain proposed changes that only affect the FOLs for Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2, and 3; McGuire Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2; and Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2. The proposed changes are solely administrative in nature and involve only a name change. These LARs are being submitted to the NRC pursuant to 10CFR50.90 only for the purpose of updating the affected FOL documents. The Duke Power Company and PanEnergy Corp merger was discussed in the January 6, 1997 letter referenced above. The proposed changes do not alter any technical content of the FOLs or any technical content of the stations' Technical Specifications requirements, nor do they have any programmatic effect on the Duke Quality Assurance Program Topical Report. The merger will have no impact on the design, function, or operation of any plant structure, system, or component, either technically or administratively. This merger has been approved by the appropriate North Carolina, South Carolina, and other federal agencies. In the future, the safe operation of Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Nuclear Stations will continue to be ensured by Duke Energy Corporation.

Attachment 2

NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION EVALUATION

Pursuant to 10CFR50.92, it has been determined that these LARs involve No Significant Hazards Considerations. The determination of no significant hazards was made by applying the NRC established standards contained in regulation 10CFR50.92. These standards assure that any changes to the operation of Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Nuclear Stations, in accordance with these LARs, consider the following:

- 1) Will the change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

No. These LARs involve an administrative change only. The Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba FOLs are being changed to reference the new corporate name of the licensee. No actual plant equipment or accident analyses will be affected by the proposed changes. Therefore, these LARs will have no impact on the possibility of any type of accident: new, different, or previously evaluated.

- 2) Will the change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

No. These LARs involve an administrative change only. The Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba FOLs are being changed to reference the new corporate name of the licensee. No actual plant equipment or accident analyses will be affected by the proposed changes and no failure modes not bounded by previously evaluated accidents will be created. Therefore, these LARs will have no impact on the possibility of any type of accident: new, different, or previously evaluated.

- 3) Will the change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

No. Margin of safety is associated with confidence in the ability of the fission product barriers (i.e., fuel and fuel cladding, Reactor Coolant System pressure boundary, and containment structure) to limit the level of radiation dose to the public. These LARs involve an administrative change only. The Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba FOLs are being changed to reference the new corporate name of the licensee.

Attachment 2

NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION EVALUATION

No actual plant equipment or accident analyses will be affected by the proposed changes. Additionally, these proposed changes will not relax any criteria used to establish safety limits, will not relax any safety systems settings, or will not relax the bases for any limiting conditions of operation. Therefore, these LARs will not impact margin of safety.

Attachment 3

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to 10CFR51.22(b), an evaluation of these LARs has been performed to determine whether or not they meet the criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10CFR51.22(c)(9) and (10) of the regulations.

These LARs for the Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba FOLs involve an administrative change only. These proposed changes update the FOLs such that references to the licensee name will be consistent with the new corporate name of the licensee, Duke Energy Corporation.

Additionally, the LARs will have no adverse radiation impact upon the environment, since they only apply to the corporate name of the licensee designated in the FOL. It has been determined that the proposed changes involve:

- 1) No significant hazards consideration,
- 2) No significant change in the types, or significant increase in the amounts, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and
- 3) No significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures.

Therefore, these LARs for the Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba FOLs meet the criteria of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9) and (10) for categorical exclusion from an environmental assessment/impact statement.