August 1, 2016

Mr. Christopher M. Fallon, Vice President Nuclear Development Duke Energy EC12L/526 South Church Street Charlotte, NC 28202

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NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 1 AND 2 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION

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Docket Nos. 52-018 and 52-019

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