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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
DOCKET NO. 50-261/RENEWED LICENSE NO. DPR-23

**RESPONSE TO APPARENT VIOLATION IN
NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000261/2016404, EA-16-227**

Reference: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Letter to Duke Energy Progress, LLC,
Office of Investigations Report 2-2016-001; H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant,
Unit No. 2 - NRC Inspection Report 05000261/2016404, Dated December 27, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By the referenced letter, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) notified Duke Energy Progress, LLC, of an Apparent Violation (AV) 05000261/2016404-01, *Security Safeguards Control*, associated with a security incident at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (RNP). The letter states the AV is being considered for an escalated enforcement action in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. RNP accepts the apparent violation and agrees with the conclusion reached in the investigation completed by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) concerning activities at RNP.

The letter allows for a response to the AV in writing prior to the NRC making its final enforcement decision. The response to the violation is presented in the enclosure to this letter. It is noted, the enclosure contains Security-Related Information, withhold from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1).

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The identified deficiencies related to the security incident at RNP were entered in the station corrective action program and a root cause evaluation was performed. Based on this evaluation, the enclosure contains the response details which includes; (1) restatement of the apparent violation, (2) the reason for the apparent violation, (3) the date when full compliance was restored, and (4) the prompt and comprehensive corrective actions.

Duke Energy acknowledges the significance of the issue and the need for lasting and effective corrective actions. We further acknowledge and align with the significance of the issue previously discussed with the NRC and members of Duke Energy staff. Duke Energy demands employees and contractors act with integrity and communicate with candor. Any careless disregard for requirements or deliberate violation of requirements are not to be tolerated. Duke Energy acknowledges the willful aspects of this issue and understands that the regulatory program is based on licensee employees acting with integrity and further acknowledges the need for lasting and effective corrective actions.

There are no regulatory commitments associated with this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Tony Pilo, Manager – Nuclear Regulatory Affairs, at (843) 857-1409.

Sincerely,



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