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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
ATTN: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

SUBJECT: Comments on the NRC Draft Regulatory Basis Document Regulatory Improvements for Power Reactors Transitioning to Decommissioning; Docket ID: NRC-2015-0070

Dear Sir or Madam:

On March 15, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a notice in the *Federal Register* soliciting public comments on the agency's draft Regulatory Basis Document (RBD) for a rulemaking proposing changes to the Commission's decommissioning regulations. Subsequently, on May 9, 2017, the NRC issued a notice soliciting public comments on a preliminary draft regulatory analysis that supports the RBD. Duke Energy has been an active participant in the NRC and industry meetings regarding this topic and endorses the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) June 13, 2017 letter, as well as, the Decommissioned Plant Coalition comments.

Duke Energy appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft RBD and urges the agency to continue on a path of completing a rulemaking to improve the efficiency of the transition from operations to decommissioning as expeditiously as possible.

No new commitments have been made in this submittal. If you have additional questions, please call Art Zaremba at 980-373-2062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Christopher Nolan".

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Director – Nuclear Regulatory Affairs