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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414
Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications 3/4.3.1 and 3/4.3.2
Increased Surveillance Test Intervals and Allowed Outage Times for Reactor Trip
System (RTS) and Engineered Safety Features Actuation System (ESFAS)
Instrumentation

References: 1. Letter from M.S. Tuckman to NRC, dated January 25, 1993
2. Letter from Charles E. Rossi to Roger A. Newton, dated February 22, 1989

Gentlemen:

During a recent conversation between R.E. Martin (NRC) and L.J. Rudy (DPCo), it was noted that in Reference 1, the proposed Action 14a of Table 3.3-3 (Engineered Safety Features Actuation System Instrumentation, Containment Sump Recirculation Functional Unit 9a, Automatic Actuation Logic and Actuation Relays) contained an eight-hour requirement to be in hot standby when the conditions of the action statement are not met. In Reference 2, a twelve-hour requirement to be in hot standby had been previously approved by the NRC for this functional unit. Therefore, the proposed Action 14a is actually more conservative than what was previously approved by the NRC. Also, the proposed Action 14a contains a two-hour allowance for bypass of a channel for surveillance testing, whereas Reference 2 previously approved a four-hour allowance.

By this letter, Catawba is modifying the technical specification amendment request submitted in Reference 1 to request the full amount of relief previously approved by the NRC for this functional unit. The marked-up technical specification pages which reflect this request are attached. (Note that Functional Unit 9a will now refer to Action 14 of the Reference 1 submittal; Action 14a of Reference 1 will be deleted; and Action 14b of Reference 1 will be renumbered as the new Action 14a.) The conclusions of the original safety analysis and No Significant Hazards Consideration Analysis continue to remain valid as a result of this additional

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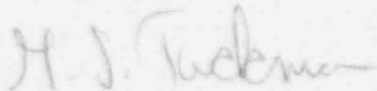
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request.

If you have any questions concerning this material, please call L.J. Rudy at (803) 831-3084.

Very truly yours,



M.S. Tuckman

LJR/s

Attachment

xc (W/Attachment):

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M.S. Tuckman, being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Power Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Catawba Nuclear Station License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52 and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



M.S. Tuckman, Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, 1993.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

Notary Public, South Carolina State at Large
My Commission Expires Aug. 5, 1993
