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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

DEC 23 1980

Docket No. 50-413

Mr. William O. Parker, Jr.
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Duke Power Company
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Dear Mr. Parker:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION,
UNIT 1

Your letter of July 1, 1980 and supplemental letters of July 14 and November 20, 1980, transmitted an application for amendment to Construction Permit No. CPPR-116 to include North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) and Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Saluda River) as co-owners of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1.

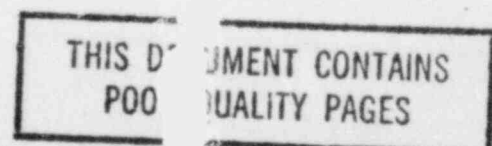
We have completed our review of your request to add NCEMC and Saluda River and have concluded that NCEMC and Saluda River are financially qualified to participate in the ownership of Catawba Unit 1 and that this action does not involve a significant hazards consideration, does not constitute an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of the public, and is not inimical to the common defense and security. The bases for these conclusions are set forth in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

We have also concluded that there will be no environmental impact attributable to the proposed action that was not considered in our Final Environmental Statement, and that therefore no environmental impact statement need be prepared for the proposed action. The bases for these conclusions are set forth in the enclosed Environmental Impact Appraisal. Also enclosed is the applicable Negative Declaration.

In response to our request, we have received advice from the Attorney General of the United States. Notice of the receipt of the Attorney General's advice was published in the Federal Register on November 14, 1980 (45 F.R. 75393). The Attorney General found that no antitrust hearing was necessary with respect to this amendment.

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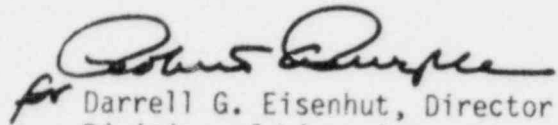
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Enclosed is Amendment No. 1 to CPPR-116 for Unit 1 of the Catawba Nuclear Station which reflects the changes discussed above, and a copy of a related notice which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,


for Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing

Enclosures:

1. Amendment 1 to CPPR-116
2. Safety Evaluation
3. Negative Declaration
4. Environmental Impact Appraisal
5. Federal Register Notice

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