

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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April 8, 1994

Docket Nos: 50-413/414

Mr. David L. Rehn Vice President, Catawba Site Duke Power Company 4800 Concord Road York, South Carolina 29745

Dear Mr. Rehn:

SUBJECT: NRR REVIEW OF 10 CFR 50.54(P) SUBMITTAL FOR THE CATAWBA

NUCLEAR STATION

This is in response to your letter of March 4, 1993, which submitted Revision 33 to the Security Plan for the Catawba Nuclear Station under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.54(p). The issue related to the protection features afforded alarm sensors, transmission lines, terminal boxes and cabinets, and computer and annunciator alarm systems is considered a policy issue and was referred to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) on May 28, 1993. Because of some concerns identified by NRR, O. Masnyk, NRC RII, discussed the issue with members of your staff at the Catawba Nuclear Station during the week of December 13-17, 1993.

Based on our review of the changes and discussions with your staff, we have determined that section 5.3.1.5 of the revision is not acceptable for inclusion in the security plan. In your Synopsis of Changes for Revision 33, you indicated that you revised the text to clarify section 5.3.1.5 and to add detail to the protection features afforded the computer and annunciator alarm systems, alarm sensors, transmission lines, terminal boxes and cabinet. From our review of the changes, it appears that you deleted part of your previous commitment to 10 CFR 73.55(e)(2), found in section 5.3.1.5, Revision 31.

Section 73.55(e)(2) of 10 CFR Part 73 requires that "All alarm devices including transmission lines to annunciators shall be tamper indicating and self-checking e.g., an automatic indication is provided when failure of the alarm system or a component occurs, or when the system is on standby power. The annunciation of an alarm at the alarm stations shall indicate the type of alarm (e.g., intrusion alarms, emergency exit alarm, etc.) and location." There is no evidence in our records that you have ever requested or been granted an exemption from this requirement, and as discussed above, you are committed to this requirement in your previously approved security plan, section 5.3.1.5, Revision 31. Also, during our review, we noted that this commitment was in section 5.3.1.5 in copies of some of your old revisions, reviewed as far back as Revision 15.

The specific concerns with your clarifications have been discussed with your staff, and we understand from those discussions that you have, in practice, continued to meet 10 CFR 73.55(e)(2) as committed to in your previously

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approved security plan. Please continue to follow section 5.3.1.5 of Revision 31. If you have any questions, please call Nancy E. Ervin at (301) 504-2946.

The enclosure to your letter contains Safeguards Information of a type specified in 10 CFR 73.21 and is being withheld from public disclosure.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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