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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Ms. E. G. Adensam, Chief Licensing Branch No. 4

Re: Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1 Docket No. 50-413 Technical Specifications

Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter contains a proposed amendment to the Technical Specifications for Facility Operating License No. NPF-24 for Catawba Unit 1. The attachment contains the proposed change and a discussion of the justification and safety analysis. The analysis are included pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91 and it has been concluded that the proposed amendment does not involve significant hazards considerations.

This amendment is considered to involve exigent circumstances in that the proposed amendment will be needed to sllow the unit to proceed into Mode 3, which is currently scheduled to occur August 28, 1984. The current Technical Specification Surveillance Requirements for the Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps can not be met. The current requirements were taken from the manufacturer's design requirements, however, the proposed requirements are the requirements assumed in the accident analysis and therefore should be those addressed in the Technical Specifications.

By letters dated June 20, and June 28, 1984 Applicants requested a partial exemption from GDC 17 in order to permit the diesel generators for Unit 1 to be inoperable until initial criticality. It is considered that the information regarding exigent circumstances supporting that request also encompass the situation presented in this application.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91 (b)(1) the appropriate South Carolina State Official is being provided a copy of this amendment request.

Very truly yours,

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Hal B. Tucker

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Heyward G. Shealy, Chief Bureau of Radiological Health South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control 2600 Bull Street Columbus, South Carolina 29201 Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director July 31, 1984 Page 3

HAL B. TUCKER, 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 Technical Specifications, Appendix A to License No. NPF-24; and that all statements and matters set forth therin are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Hal B. Tucker, Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of July, 1984.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

September 20, 1984