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Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414
License Nos. NPF-35, NPF-52

Duke Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE FOR CATAWBA UNITS 1
AND 2 - DOCKET NOS. 50-413 AND 50-414

This letter acknowledges your letter dated March 24, 1992, requesting an amendment to the temporary waiver of compliance granted by this office on March 20, 1992. This waiver of compliance allowed Technical Specification 5.6.5.5, "Containment Systems," equipment hatches between the containments upper and lower compartments to be open for 6 hours on March 23, 1992, for Unit 2 and March 25, 1992, for Unit 1. This was required to allow radiography of the Power Operated Relief block valves in order to verify their position.

Your letter requests that the March 18, 1992, letter be amended in order to allow for the Unit 2 pressurizer enclosure hatch (an equipment hatch between containments upper and lower compartments) to be open for another 6 hour period on March 24, 1992. This additional time is needed because the radiography results for valve 2NC-31B were inconclusive and the valve position could not be verified.

Prior to granting the amendment to the temporary waiver of compliance, the technical issues and the extent of the proposed amendment to the waiver were reviewed. They were also discussed during telephone calls on March 23, 1992, between L. Reyes, J. Johnson and A. Belisle of Region II; G. Lainas and D. Matthews of NRR; and T. Harrell, K. Devore, and R. Futrell of Duke Power.

This amended temporary waiver of compliance for an additional 6 hours on March 24, 1992, for Unit 2 is granted.

Sincerely,
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