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May 9, 1984

Duke Power Company
ATTN: Mr. H. B. Tucker, Vice President
Nuclear Production Department
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: MEETING SUMMARY - DOCKET NOS. 50-413 AND 50-414

This letter refers to the meeting conducted by mutual request in the NRC Region II Office on April 16, 1984. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss information developed by members of the Region II staff concerning the conduct of reactor operator and senior reactor operator training at your Catawba plant and to discuss the recent written license examination conducted at Catawba on March 20, 1984. A summary of this meeting is enclosed.

It is our opinion that this meeting served its intended function of providing us a better understanding of your training program and providing you an understanding of our concerns regarding the implementation of commitments that you have made to the NRC for the training of Catawba operators and senior operators.

During the meeting, you provided comments regarding the grading and content of written operator and senior operator examinations which were administered by the NRC on March 20, 1984. Copies of these graded examinations had been provided to you on April 9, 1984. Resolution of these comments will be documented in an examination report to be issued by Region II.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them.

Sincerely,
(original signed by JPO'Reilly)

James P. O'Reilly
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: (See Page 2)

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ENCLOSURE

MEETING SUMMARY

LICENSEE: Duke Power Company
FACILITY: Catawba
DOCKET NOS.: 50-413 and 50-414
LICENSE NOS.: CPPR-116 and CPPR-117
SUBJECT: COLD LICENSE CERTIFICATION OBSERVATION TRAINING AND NRC EXAMINATIONS

A management meeting was held in the NRC Region II Office on April 16, 1984, to discuss with licensee representatives (herein after referred to as "licensee") information developed by members of the Region II staff concerning the conduct of reactor operator and senior reactor operator training, specifically the performance of the licensee's Cold License Certification Observation Task Lists, which was performed by Catawba operator candidates at the Oconee Nuclear Station. Also discussed were your comments regarding the grading and content of written operator and senior operator examinations which were administered by the NRC on March 20, 1984. Copies of these graded examinations had been provided to you on April 9, 1984. Resolution of these comments will be documented in an examination report to be issued by Region II.

Regarding the conduct of reactor operator and senior reactor operator training, the Region II staff voiced concerns that recent inspections performed by members of the Region's Operational Branch revealed questionable completions of the Cold License Certification Observation Task Lists. It was determined that during this phase of operator training, some candidates participated in plant operations at your Oconee Nuclear Station without direct supervision to ensure proper task completion. Your staff stated that observation training had been certified based upon procedure reviews, unsupervised and supervised walkthroughs, simulations, discussions or actual performances.

The NRC staff stated that this practice of producing task training was inconsistent with previous commitments made to the NRC by Duke Power Company and advised that observation training should be directly supervised to ensure that training objectives are met. Additionally, NRC representatives expressed concern that your staff did not question the effectiveness of this training prior to submission of operator applications and the subsequent administration of NRC written examinations.

Duke Power representatives indicated that they believed that operator candidates had received sufficient training to meet the objectives of their approved training program. They further indicated that Duke had performed an in-depth audit of license applications which included the Cold License Certification Observations Task Lists. Their audit concluded that except for a few instances which were identified, all requisite tasks had been completed.

NRC representatives stated that without direct supervision or supporting documentation, it is difficult to ascertain if the objectives of the Cold License Certification Observation training were met for the group of candidates in question.

Attachment:
Attendance List

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Attendance at the Duke - NRC meeting on April 16, 1984, at the NRC's Region II Office included:

Duke Power Company

H. B. Tucker, Vice President Nuclear Production
R. W. Bostain, Vice President Production Support
R. M. Koehler, Manager, Production Training Services
S. Frye, Director of Operator Training
C. W. Graves, Superintendent of Operations, Catawba
W. H. Barron, Training Supervisor, Catawba

NRC - REGION II

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V. L. Brownlee, Chief, Project Section 2A
B. Wilson, Chief, Operator Licensing Section
B. T. Debs, Reactor Inspector, Operational Programs Section
T. Rogers, Reactor Operator Examiner, Operator Licensing Section
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