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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-413 and -414
Technical Specification Revision to Implement Revised 10
CFR 50 Appendix J

Attached is a proposed change to Catawba Nuclear Station's Technical Specifications, to implement the performance-based containment leak rate testing (CLRT) requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, Option B. Note that the proposed change incorporates only the provisions of Option B that apply to Type A (containment) testing. Changes to implement the Type B and C testing provisions of Option B will be developed in conjunction with Catawba's conversion to Improved Standard Technical Specifications; ISTS are scheduled to be submitted to the NRC in January, 1997.

The proposed (mark-up) changes to Technical Specifications are included in Attachment I, as well as new original pages. Note that the new original pages have been provided in a unit-specific format; an amendment to create a separate Technical Specification volume for each unit is currently under review by the NRC staff, and is expected to be approved shortly. A detailed description of the changes and their Technical Justification are provided in Attachment II. Attachment III contains an analysis which supports a finding of No Significant Hazards, and an environmental assessment.

This proposed change, which is applicable to Units 1 and 2 of Catawba Nuclear Station, has been reviewed by the Plant Operations Review Committee and the corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

It is requested that this proposed change be approved by May 15, 1996, to obviate the need to perform a CLRT during the upcoming Unit 1 refueling outage, EOC9. Based on previous CLRT results, Unit 1 meets the criterion (two consecutive successful tests) of

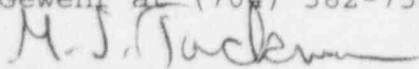
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10CFR50, Appendix J, Option B, to change the test frequency to once every 10 years. If this amendment is approved, a CLRT would not be required during this refueling outage.

If any additional information is required, please call Scott Gewehr at (704) 382-7581.

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M. S. Tuckman, being duly sworn, states that he is Senior 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 Facility Operating Licenses NPF-35 and NPF-52 of the Catawba Nuclear Station; and that all the statements and matter set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

M. S. Tuckman

M. S. Tuckman, Senior Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of JAN,
1996

Mary P. Adams

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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Attachment I
Technical Specification Mark-ups
and
Revised Originals