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**DUKE POWER**

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTENTION: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Duke Power Company  
Request for Relief from ASME Boiler and Pressure  
Vessel Code, Section III Requirements  
Duke Power Request for Relief 95-GO-002  
Supplemental Information

Catawba Nuclear Station  
Docket Nos. 50-413, 414

McGuire Nuclear Station  
Docket Nos. 50-369, 370

In a letter dated January 18, 1996 the NRC Staff requested additional information be provided on the scope of Duke Power Request for Relief from ASME Section III Requirements (RR) No. 95-GO-002. The NRC Staff requested Duke to discuss the extent of manual block valves at Catawba and McGuire located in series with overpressure protection devices and subject to Article NC/ND-7153 of the Code and the provisions of 10 CFR 50.55a. As originally submitted, RR 95-GO-002 only addressed manual block valves associated with the Volume Control Tank and the Regenerative Heat Exchangers that were specifically identified in Westinghouse Nuclear Safety Advisory Letter NSAL-94-009.

Preliminary evaluations at Catawba and McGuire have concluded there are other manual block valve applications subject to the more recent Code interpretation of Article NC/ND-7153 as described in RR 95-GO-002. Duke believes the considerations affecting these additional valves, as with the valves originally identified in Westinghouse letter NSAL-94-009, concern only Code compliance issues and do not involve safety issues. Based on these preliminary evaluations, Duke plans to supplement Request for Relief 95-GO-002 to include all known valve applications that are

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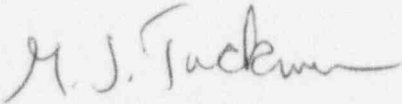
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determined to be subject to Article NC/ND-7153 and the provisions of 10 CFR 50.55a. Due to the limited engineering resources currently available, some time will be required to complete the identification of the additional block valves, and evaluate the failure consequences to support an expanded scope of RR 95-GO-002. Therefore, Duke plans to submit the supplemental information to the NRC by September 30, 1996. Presently, administrative controls are in place to preclude improper closing of the manual block valves described above.

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Very truly yours,



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