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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414
Change to Commitment - Administrative Limit
Placed on Vital Battery Configuration

Re: U.S. NRC Notice of Violation and Notice of Deviation,
NRC Inspection Report Nos. 50-413/92-01 and
50-414/92-01, Dated 18 March 1992

Gentlemen:

The subject NRC Inspection Report documents the following
commitment made by Catawba Nuclear Station:

Should the need to tie two Vital DC channels
together with an 825 Amp-Hour (A-H) capacity
battery as the DC power source, the battery would
be declared inoperable and the unit would enter
the Technical Specification required 72 hour LCO.

Catawba is in the process of replacing all the vital
batteries for both Units with higher capacity, 1495 A-H
batteries. Also calculations have been completed that
confirm the adequacy of voltage supplied to components while
two channels are tied together with one battery.

As each 825 A-H battery is replaced, Catawba will remove the
above described administrative limit for that battery. The
Technical Specification LCO will be followed as written,
with no restrictions.

All of Unit 1 Batteries are expected to be replaced by May
2, 1996. Unit 2 batteries are expected to be replaced by
the end of 1996.

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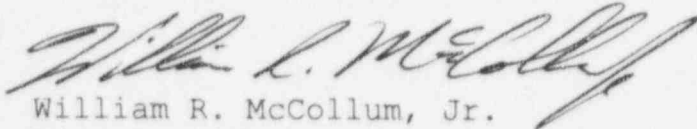
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Should there be any questions concerning this change, please call D. Tower at (803) 831-3419.

Very truly yours,



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