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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-369 and -370
Technical Specification Revision to Implement Revised 10 CFR 50 Appendix J

Attached is a proposed change to McGuire Nuclear Station's Technical Specifications, to implement the performanced-based containment leak rate testing (CLRT) requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, Option B. Note that the proposed change incorporates only the provisions or Option B that apply to Type A (containment) testing.

The proposed (mark-up) changes to Technical Specifications are included in Attachment I, as well as new original pages. 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 McGuire 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 April 1, 1997, to obviate the need to perform a CLRT during the upcoming Unit 1 refueling outage, EOC10. Based on previous CLRT results, Unit 1 meets the criterion (two consecutive successful tests) of 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.

Note that this submittal is virtually identical to a corresponding amendment application which was submitted January 12, 1996 (and supplemented April 10, 1996) for Duke's Catawba

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Nuclear Station, and approved by the NRC by SER dated May 13, 1996.

This amendment request is considered to be a Cost-Beneficial Licensing Action, in that it would save approximately $600,000 per averted CLRT.

By copy of this letter, the State of North Carolina has been notified of this change.

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-9 and NPF-17 of the McGuire 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 13TH day of JANUARY, 1997

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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