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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-369 and -370
Conversion to the Improved Technical Specifications

- References:
1. M. S. Tuckman (Duke Power Company) letter to NRC Document Control Desk, dated August 17, 1995.
 2. NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications - Westinghouse Plants," Revision 1, dated April 1995.
 3. Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 96-06, "Improved Technical Specifications Conversion Guidance," dated August 1996

Pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, Section 90 (10 CFR 50.90), Duke Power Company proposes to amend Appendix A, Technical Specifications, for Facility Operating Licenses NPF-9 and NPF-17 for McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2.

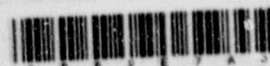
By letter dated August 17, 1995 (Reference 1), Duke Power Company notified the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff of its intent to convert the current Technical Specifications (CTS) to be consistent with the Improved Standard Technical Specifications (ISTS) (Reference 2). The proposed license amendment request to convert the McGuire CTS to the McGuire Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) is provided in volumes enclosed with this letter. The proposed license amendment request was prepared considering the guidance of NEI 96-06 (Reference 3). NEI 96-06 was issued after the start of the ITS project, thus the format of the attached ITS material may differ from the NEI 96-06 guidance.

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A detailed description of the contents and organization of the proposed license amendment request is described below:

Attachment 1, "Synopsis of the Proposed License Amendment Request," describes the organization and content of the enclosed volumes.

Attachment 2, "Differences Between McGuire Units 1 and 2," lists the current Technical Specification differences between the two units. The proposed license amendment request maintains the Technical Specifications in separate documents.

Attachment 3, "Existing McGuire License Amendment Requests Incorporated into the ITS," provides a listing of all currently docketed license amendment requests that have been incorporated into this ITS license amendment request.

Attachment 4, "Disposition of Generic Changes to NUREG-1431," provides a listing of the pending and approved changes to the ISTS as of the date of this submittal. A disposition is provided for each generic change identifying the impact on this license amendment request.

Attachment 5, "List of Beyond Scope Changes," provides a listing of those changes incorporated into this license amendment request that are different than both CTS and ISTS.

Attachment 6, "List of Beyond Scope Bracketed Changes," provides a listing of those changes to CTS parameters beyond those needed to conform with the ISTS.

Attachment 7, "CTS Requirements Relocated to Other Licensee Controlled Documents," provides a listing of the relocated CTS requirements, the proposed initial location of the relocated item, and the control mechanism applicable to the relocated item.

Implementation of the McGuire ITS will require the performance of a number of new ITS surveillance requirements. Duke Power Company intends to treat these new requirements as being "met" at the time of implementation, with the first performance of these new surveillance requirements scheduled to be completed within the required interval from the date of implementation.

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Any revisions to the McGuire Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) required as a result of this proposed license amendment request will be made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

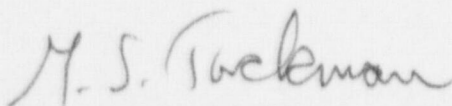
The planned implementation date is August 1998. This date falls between scheduled outages at McGuire Units 1 and 2 and will allow 9 months NRC review and approval and 6 months implementation for Duke Power. The actual implementation date may vary based on NRC approval, the time required for procedure revisions, the development of new programs, training schedules for both licensed and non-licensed operators, and the timing of implementation with respect to any changes in scheduled refueling outages.

This amendment request has been reviewed by the McGuire Plant Operations Review Committee and the corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(b)(1), a copy of this amendment has been provided to the appropriate State of North Carolina officials.

Duke Power Company requests a meeting in Washington, DC, at your earliest convenience to discuss contents and a review schedule for this license amendment request. Please address any comments or questions regarding this matter to Luellen Jones at (704) 382-4753.

Very truly yours,



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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 revisions to the Facility Operating Licenses of McGuire Nuclear Station; and that all the statements and matters 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 27th day of
May, 1997

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My Commission Expires:

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