

August 12, 1988

Docket Nos.: 50-413/414

Mr. H. B. Tucker, Vice President
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Duke Power Company
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Dear Mr. Tucker:

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST REGARDING THE NUCLEAR
SERVICE WATER SYSTEM SWAPOVER LOGIC - CATAWBA NUCLEAR
STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TACs 69077 AND 69078)

By letter dated August 9, 1988, you requested a change to Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.3-3, item 14.g., for Catawba Nuclear Station. The change is in regard to the swapover logic for the Nuclear Service Water System which affects the pumphouse pit level instrumentation. You also requested that the TS change permit a 48 hour waiver of compliance (per pit) from the Action Statement requirements to allow for the implementation of this modification.

In your supporting discussion regarding the waiver of compliance you stated that, during installation of the modification, the Nuclear Service Water System swapover circuit needs to be rendered inoperable for a short period of time (less than 48 hours per pit) and that, during this time, at least one pit will be available.

We have reviewed your request for a waiver of compliance and find that your supporting discussion does not provide an adequate safety assessment when rendering the pit inoperable for 48 hours. Also, discussions of the compensatory actions taken during that period and of the hazards considerations were not provided.

Based on the above discussion, we find that your request is unacceptable for the waiver of compliance. Accordingly, we are taking no further action on your request. If you have questions regarding this denial, contact Kahtan Jabbour at (301) 492-1496.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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