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Attention: Document Control Desk
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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Numbers 50-413 and 50-414
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Numbers 50-369 and 50-370
Request for NRC Position Regarding Instrument
Calibration Setting Tolerances for Trip Setpoints
in the Technical Specifications (TS) for the
Catawba and McGuire Nuclear Stations

Reference: Letter from M.S. Tuckman to NRC, same subject,
dated August 20, 1998

The reference letter requested NRC review of a Duke Energy licensing position on the subject TS requirement and a docketed NRC position concerning this subject.

On September 29, 1998, a conference call was held among various representatives of Duke Energy and the NRC to discuss the reference letter. As a result, Duke Energy would like to supplement the reference letter to include the following information:

Existing setpoint calculations for the Catawba and McGuire Reactor Protection Systems and Engineered Safety Features Actuation Systems are consistent with either the Westinghouse or the Duke setpoint methodologies (as applicable) as previously docketed to NRC. Both of these methodologies take into account two-sided calibration tolerances when determining the Allowable Value and the nominal Trip Setpoint. If the setpoint is left at the worst calibration tolerance allowed by the calibration procedure, the setpoint calculations support that the respective trip will occur as assumed in the safety analysis.

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