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SUBJECT: MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 - AMENDMENT 23 TO THE
DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION TOPICAL REPORT ON QUALITY ASSURANCE
PROGRAM (TAC NOS. M98964 AND M98965)

Dear Mr. Barron:

By letter dated May 27, 1997, Duke Energy Corporation (DEC) submitted proposed amendments to the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TS). The proposed amendments would convert the current TS to be consistent with the Improved Standard TS for Westinghouse nuclear plants (NUREG-1431).

The proposed amendments would, in part, relocate certain administrative control requirements to DEC's quality assurance (QA) program. By letters dated April 8 and May 25, 1998, DEC submitted Amendment 23 to the DEC Topical Report, "Duke-1-A, Quality Assurance Program," which incorporates the relocated requirements.

The staff has completed its review of the items relocated to Amendment 23 of the QA topical report. The results are set forth in the enclosed safety evaluation. The staff's review is based primarily on the guidance of Administrative Letter (AL) 95-06, "Relocation of Technical Specification Administrative Controls Related to Quality Assurance." For items not specifically addressed by AL 95-06, the staff's review is based on the guidance provided by the Commission's Final Policy Statement on TS Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors (59 FR 39132) regarding the criteria for TS inclusion.

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The staff concludes that the changes documented in Amendment 23 conform to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.36(c)(5). DEC should implement the changes according to a schedule consistent with implementation of the improved TS for McGuire. Subsequent changes to the requirements relocated to the QA topical report will be controlled in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.54(a).

Sincerely,

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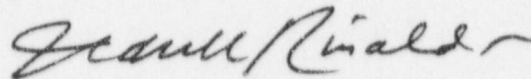
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