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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-369 and -370
Improved Technical Specifications, Supplement 8
TAC Nos. M98964 and M98965

A proposed license amendment request to convert the McGuire current Technical Specifications (CTS) to the McGuire Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) was submitted by letter dated May 27, 1997 and amended by letters dated March 9, 1998, March 20, 1998, April 20, 1998, June 3, 1998, June 24, 1998, July 7, 1998 and July 21, 1998 in response to NRC requests for additional information. The ITS submitted in the above letters was provided separately for each unit, consistent with the CTS. Prior to license amendments 166/148, the CTS for each unit was in a combined volume. The CTS was separated by these amendments into individual volumes for each unit in support of the steam generator replacement effort.

Based on feedback from the plant operators and other users, Duke Energy is requesting that the approved ITS be issued in a single combined volume as discussed in the meeting with NRC on July 10, 1998. There are only a small number of differences between the two units and these are predominately figures or setpoints. The steam generator replacement has been completed and maintaining the ITS in a combined volume will facilitate ease of use and significantly reduce the volume of paper that must be processed and controlled. The combined ITS versions of the pages where there are differences between the two units are provided in Enclosure 1. All other ITS pages previously submitted are the same for both units and are unchanged.

Enclosure 2 of this letter provides the changes necessary to ITS Section 3.0. The proposed changes require that the specifications and surveillances apply to each unit individually,

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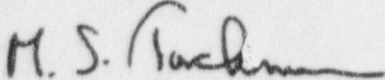
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unless otherwise noted, consistent with the version of the CTS prior to amendments 166/148. The proposed changes are administrative in nature and have been determined to be within the scope of the original PORC and NSRB reviews.

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

If any additional information is needed, please call Lee A. Keller at 704-382-5826.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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M. S. Tuckman, being duly sworn, states that he is Executive Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation; 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.

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M. S. Tuckman, Executive Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6TH day of August,
1998

Mary P. Nelson
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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ENCLOSURE 1

McGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION

COMBINED UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2 ITS PAGES