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By letter dated June 8, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML21159A124), Duke Energy, (the licensee), submitted Relief Request RA-21-0100, associated with the fourth 10-year Inservice Inspection interval for Catawba Nuclear Station Unit 2. Specifically, with RA-21-0100 the licensee proposes to implement the requirements of ASME Code Case N-885 in lieu of the requirements of Section XI, IWB-2500(a), Table IWB-2500-1 (B-N-1, B-N-2, B-N-3), and IWB-3520, pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.55a(z)(1). The licensee has determined that the proposed alternative would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety.

In accordance with NRC's process as described in LIC-109, "Acceptance Review Procedures," the NRC staff has performed an acceptance review to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review.

The NRC staff has completed its acceptance review of licensee's RA-21-0100 for Catawba Unit 2, and concluded that the submittal provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of licensee's submitted request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed from the licensee for the staff to complete the detailed technical review, the licensee will be notified by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 180 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately 12 months, which is June 16, 2022. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1438 or at karen.cotton@nrc.gov.

Best,

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