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SUBJECT: REVISION OF SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 SUBSEQUENT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (EPID NUMBER: L-2021-SLE-00020) (DOCKET NUMBERS: 50-269, 50-270 AND 50-287)

Dear Steven Snider:

By letter dated June 7, 2021, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package ML21158A193), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) an application for subsequent license renewal of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55 Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 (Oconee), respectively. As stated in a letter to you dated July 22, 2021 (ML21194A231), the NRC staff determined that the application was acceptable for docketing and that the staff began its detailed technical review. A review schedule was provided in that letter. This letter is to inform you about a schedule change in the Oconee subsequent license renewal environmental review.

In February 2022, the NRC revised all milestone dates involving the Oconee review schedule to "to be determined" as staff attempted to determine the impacts of Commission Order CLI-22-03 (ML22055A533) on the Oconee project schedule.

On November 7, 2022, Duke Energy submitted Oconee Nuclear Station Subsequent License Renewal Application, Appendix E, Environmental Report [ER] Supplement 2 (ML22311A036). The NRC has completed its evaluation of the associated impacts on the project schedule. The NRC staff estimates that review of this subsequent license renewal ER supplement will take approximately 2,600 hours to complete in addition to the initial hours detailed in the July 22, 2021, letter. Please note that this is an estimate and given the unique circumstances of this review, the final hours may be different. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause substantive 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 via separate correspondence. Milestones for hearing activities that may be needed are not included in the enclosed schedule or the estimated hours because these dates, if applicable, would be established by the Commission or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board and new resource considerations would need to be developed.

Additionally, please note that the NRC staff prepared a Notice of Intent, published on December 19, 2022 (87 FR 77643), advising the public that the NRC intends to conduct a supplemental scoping process to gather the information necessary to prepare a draft environmental impact statement. Pursuant to title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* part 51.28, Duke Energy is invited to participate in the supplemental environmental scoping process.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Lance Rakovan, Project Manager, for the environmental review at Lance.Rakovan@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Regan, Christopher
on 01/12/23

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**OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 SUBSEQUENT LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Milestone	Scheduled	Actual
Site-specific environmental license renewal application supplement received by NRC		11/7/2022
NRC publishes notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) supplement and start of 30-day limited scoping period FRN	12/2022	12/19/2022
Limited scoping period ends	1/2023	
Conduct environmental audit	5/2023	
NRC issues environmental requests for additional information (RAI) and requests for confirmation of information (RCI), as needed	6/2023	
NRC receives RAI/RCI responses	7/2023	
NRC publishes draft SEIS supplement and FRNs to start 45-day comment period and 60-day period to request a hearing	10/2023	
Draft SEIS supplement comment period ends	12/2023	
Period to request a hearing end	12/2023	
Publish final SEIS supplement and FRN	6/2024	
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Issues FRN – final SEIS supplement notice of availability and beginning of 30-day cooling off period	7/2024	
NRC issues FRN - renewed license/record of decision (assuming no comments during EPA cooling off period or per Commission direction, as appropriate)	7/2024	