



**Duke Power**  
Catawba Nuclear Station  
4800 Concord Road  
York, SC 29745  
(803) 831-4251 OFFICE  
(803) 831-3426 FAX

Gary R. Peterson  
Vice President

September 16, 1999

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Duke Energy Corporation  
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Numbers 50-413 and 50-414  
Proposed Technical Specifications Amendment  
Technical Specification 3.8.4  
DC Sources - Operating

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, Duke Energy Corporation is requesting an amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station Facility Operating License and Technical Specifications (TS). This amendment applies to TS Section 3.8.4 for DC Sources - Operating. Specifically, the proposed amendment modifies Surveillance Requirements (SRs) 3.8.4.8 and 3.8.4.9 and SR 3.8.4.8 Bases to allow testing of the DC channel batteries with the units on line. The proposed change to SR 3.8.4.8 will also prohibit the diesel generator (DG) batteries from being service tested while the units are on line. The attached justification supports these proposed changes.

The contents of this amendment request package are as follows:

Attachment 1 provides a marked copy of the affected TS and Bases pages for Catawba, showing the proposed changes. Attachment 2 contains reprinted pages of the affected TS and Bases pages. Attachment 3 provides a description of the proposed changes and technical justification. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.92, Attachment 4 documents the determination that the amendment contains No Significant Hazards Considerations. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9), Attachment 5 provides the basis for the categorical exclusion from performing an Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.

9909270143 990916  
PDR ADOCK 05000413  
P PDR

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Page 2  
September 16, 1999

Implementation of this amendment to the Catawba Facility Operating License and TS will impact the Catawba Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR). Necessary UFSAR changes will be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

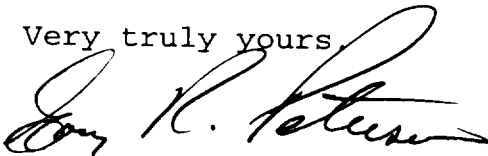
Duke is requesting NRC review and approval of this proposed amendment by December 31, 1999, so that it may be implemented in conjunction with the Catawba Unit 2 End-of-Cycle 10 Refueling Outage. This amendment will allow increased outage scheduling flexibility and will result in a cost savings by allowing the DC channel battery testing to be conducted with the units on line.

In accordance with Duke administrative procedures and the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report, this proposed amendment has been previously reviewed and approved by the Catawba Plant Operations Review Committee and the Duke Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this proposed amendment is being sent to the appropriate State of South Carolina official.

Inquiries on this matter should be directed to L.J. Rudy at (803) 831-3084.

Very truly yours,



Gary R. Peterson

LJR/s

Attachments

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Page 3  
September 16, 1999

Gary R. Peterson, being duly sworn, states that he is Site Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation; that he is authorized on the part of said corporation to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station Facility Operating Licenses Numbers NPF-35 and NPF-52 and Technical Specifications; and that all statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



Gary R. Peterson, Site Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to me: 9-16-99  
Date



Notary Public

My commission expires: 6-26-2002  
Date

SEAL

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Page 4  
September 16, 1999

xc (with attachments):

L.A. Reyes  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Regional Administrator, Region II  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth St., SW, Suite 23T85  
Atlanta, GA 30303

D.J. Roberts  
Senior Resident Inspector (CNS)  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Catawba Nuclear Station

P.S. Tam  
NRC Senior Project Manager (CNS)  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop 08-H12  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

V.R. Autry, Director  
Division of Radioactive Waste Management  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
Department of Health and Environmental Control  
2600 Bull St.  
Columbia, SC 29201