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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Numbers 50-413 and 50-414
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Numbers 50-369 and 50-370
Proposed Technical Specifications (TS) Amendment
TS 3.8.1, AC Sources - Operating
Catawba TAC Numbers MA6962 and MA6963
McGuire TAC Numbers MA7004 and MA7005

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, Duke Energy Corporation is requesting amendments to the Catawba Nuclear Station and McGuire Nuclear Station Facility Operating Licenses and TS. Specifically, these amendments modify the subject TS as follows:

1. Modify TS Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.8.1.9 for McGuire to allow performance at any operational power level and for Catawba and McGuire to delete the ≤ 0.9 power factor requirement. This SR governs the conduct of the diesel generator (DG) largest load rejection test.
2. Modify TS SR 3.8.1.10 for McGuire to allow performance at any operational power level. This SR governs the conduct of the DG full load rejection test.
3. Modify TS SR 3.8.1.13 for Catawba to allow performance at any operational power level. This SR governs the conduct of the DG non-emergency automatic trip bypass test.
4. Modify TS SR 3.8.1.14 for Catawba and McGuire to allow performance at any operational power level and to delete the ≤ 0.9 power factor requirement. This SR governs the conduct of the DG 24-hour run.

The contents of this amendment request package are as follows:

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Attachments 1a and 1b provide marked copies of the affected TS and Bases pages for Catawba and McGuire, respectively, demonstrating the proposed changes. Attachments 2a and 2b contain reprinted pages of the affected TS and Bases pages for Catawba and McGuire, respectively. 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 amendments contain 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.

Implementation of these amendments to the Catawba and McGuire Facility Operating Licenses and TS will not impact the Catawba and McGuire Updated Final Safety Analysis Reports (UFSARs). Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91, copies of these proposed amendments are being sent to the appropriate state officials.

Duke is requesting NRC review and approval of these amendments by February 29, 2000, so that they can be implemented in conjunction with the Catawba Unit 2 End-of-Cycle 10 Refueling Outage. The NRC has previously approved amendments allowing the performance of the DG load rejection tests and the DG 24-hour run at any operational power level for other plants.

In accordance with Duke administrative procedures and the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report, these proposed amendments have been previously reviewed and approved by the Catawba and McGuire Plant Operations Review Committees and the Duke Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

Inquiries on this matter should be directed to L.J. Rudy at (803) 831-3084 (Catawba) or P.T. Vu at (704) 875-4302 (McGuire).

Very truly yours,



M.S. Tuckman

Attachments

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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 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 the McGuire Nuclear Station Facility Operating Licenses Numbers NPF-9 and NPF-17 and Technical Specifications; and that all statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

M. S. Tuckman

M.S. Tuckman, Executive Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to me: Nov 3, 1999
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