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December 21, 1999

SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 RE: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS (TAC NOS. MA6826 AND MA6827)

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 182 to Facility Operating License NPF-35 and Amendment No. 174 to Facility Operating License NPF-52 for the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The amendments consist of changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) in response to your application for amendment dated October 15, 1999.

The amendments revise Section 5.5.7, "Reactor Coolant Pump Flywheel Inspection Program," of the TS by adding a new paragraph. The existing single paragraph of Section 5.5.7 requires that inspection of each reactor coolant pump flywheel be done per the recommendations of Regulatory Position C.4.b of Regulatory Guide 1.14. The amendments add a new paragraph which specifies that in lieu of Regulatory Positions C.4.b(1) and C.4.b(2), alternative inspection techniques may be used. Details are set forth in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

A Notice of Issuance will be sent to the *Federal Register* to be included in the Commission's biweekly notices.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
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 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

Enclosures:

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