

December 2, 2003

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SUBJECT: MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 RE: WITHDRAWAL OF
APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT (TAC NOS. MB7865, MB7866, MB7869,
MB7870, MB7873, AND MB7874)

Dear Mr. Tuckman:

By letter dated February 27, 2003, you applied for an amendment to the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17. The proposed change would have modified the facility technical specifications to allow the use of four mixed oxide (MOX) fuel lead test (LTA) assemblies at either the Catawba Nuclear Station (Catawba), Units 1 and 2, or the McGuire Nuclear Station (McGuire), Units 1 and 2. Subsequently, by letter dated September 23, 2003, you indicated that you now intend to focus the MOX LTA program solely on Catawba. Your letter also amended the application dated February 27, 2003, to apply only to the use of MOX LTAs at the Catawba units and not the McGuire units. With the withdrawal of the LTA amendment request for McGuire, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is closing TACs MB7865 and MB7866. In addition, the NRC staff is closing McGuire TACs MB7873 and MB7874, and MB7869 and MB7870 associated with the exemption requests for MOX fuel composition requirements and the use of M5 fuel cladding, respectively.

The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment with the Office of the *Federal Register* for publication.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. 50-369 AND 50-370

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has granted the request of Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its February 27, 2003, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-9 and NPF-17 for the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications to allow the use of four mixed oxide (MOX) fuel lead test (LTA) assemblies at either of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, (Catawba) or the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on July 25, 2003 (68 FR 44107). However, by letter dated September 23, 2003, the licensee amended the application to apply only to the use of MOX LTAs at the Catawba units and not to the McGuire units. The NRC staff is treating this as a withdrawal of application for amendment dated February 27, 2003, for McGuire.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 27, 2003, and the licensee's letter dated September 23, 2003, which is being treated as a withdrawal of application for amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management

Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December 2003.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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