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Washington, DC 20555-0001  
ATTENTION: Document Control Desk

Subject: Duke Power Company LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3  
Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287  
McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370  
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414  
Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2007-17  
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

On July 12, 2007, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2007-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." The subject RIS requested an update to the NRC on projected site-specific operator licensing examination schedules, as well as the estimated numbers of applicants planning to take operator licensing examinations and the NRC's generic fundamentals examinations (GFEs).

NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data" is attached as requested for Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba Nuclear Stations.

Please direct any questions to L. B. Jones at (704) 382-4753.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

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**OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to [infocollects@nrc.gov](mailto:infocollects@nrc.gov), and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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Oconee Nuclear Station

NRC REGION

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>	CY <u>2009</u>	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>	CY <u>2009</u>	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	9	14	12	12
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	2	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	6	2	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>				
PRIMARY DATE	12/01/2008	11/30/2009	11/29/2010	11/28/2011
ALTERNATE DATE	01/05/2009	01/04/2010	01/03/2011	01/03/2012

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>				CY <u>2009</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	14				14			

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McGuire Nuclear Station

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2008	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2008	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	3	9	7	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	5	1	2	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	7	5	6	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	05/19/2008	05/11/2009	05/17/2010	05/23/2011
ALTERNATE DATE	06/23/2008	06/22/2009	06/28/2010	06/27/2011

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2008				CY 2009			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	10				9			

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EXAMINATION DATA**

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Catawba Nuclear Station

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2008	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2008	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	7	7	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	2	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	3	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	12/01/2008	12/07/2009	12/06/2010	12/05/2012
ALTERNATE DATE	12/08/2008	12/14/2009	12/13/2010	12/12/2011

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2008				CY 2009			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	8				8			