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Docket No. 50-270
Withdrawal of Licensee Event Report 270/2011-02, Revision 0
Problem Investigation Program Nos.: O-11-9831

Gentlemen:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy) has determined that the condition previously reported in Licensee Event Report (LER) 270/2011-02 is not a reportable condition. The basis for this determination is described below and is being communicated by this letter in accordance with the guidance of NUREG 1022, Revision 2, Section 5.1.2.

LER 270/2011-02, titled "Inoperable Containment Isolation Valve Violates Technical Specification (TS) 3.6.3," was submitted on October 17, 2011, pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B), Operation or Condition Prohibited by Technical Specifications. This LER reported that on August 17, 2011, control power had been lost to containment isolation valve 2HP-4. Upon identification of the cause of the loss of indication, valve 2HP-4 was declared inoperable. The wire was landed and the valve was returned to service. Based on work activities and operator observation, the valve was inoperable for approximately four hours and 53 minutes, which exceeds the allowed action statement time of four hours for an inoperable containment isolation valve.

Upon completion of the cause investigation, Duke Energy has identified no evidence to refute the original period of inoperability. Oconee declared LCO 3.6.3 not met due to an inoperable containment isolation valve. Per the Required Actions of the associated Conditions, the affected penetration flow path must be isolated within four hours or the unit placed in Mode 3 within twelve hours. Oconee did not isolate the affected penetration flow path within four hours but declared LCO 3.6.3 met 53 minutes later (i.e., four hours and 53 minutes after declaring LCO 3.6.3 not met). Since there was no need to add negativity reactivity to place the unit in Mode 3 and unit operations were conducted per TS requirements, the event did not constitute a condition prohibited by TS. Since the inoperability was identified and corrected within the required time, the event is not reportable and an LER is not required. Based on the above, LER 270/2011-02 is being withdrawn.

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