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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3  
Docket Numbers 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287  
Renewed License Numbers DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55

Subject: Proposed License Amendment Request for the Reactor Vessel Internals Inspection Plan; LAR Number 2010-06 – Commitment Due Date Change for Action Item No. 6.

References:

1. License Amendment Request (LAR) for the Reactor Vessel Internals (RVI) Inspection Plan, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, dated November 8, 2010.
2. License Amendment Request for the Reactor Vessel Internals Inspection Plan (Supplement 1), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, dated June 28, 2012.
3. NRC Final Safety Evaluation of EPRI Report, Materials Reliability Program Report 1016596 (MRP-227), Revision 0, "Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Internals Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines," (TAC No. ME0680), dated June 22, 2011.
4. March 3, 2013 Email from Richard Guzman, NRC, to Stephen Newman, Duke Energy, on RVI LAR commitment due date change for Action Item #6.

On November 8, 2010, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy) submitted License Amendment Request (LAR) 2010-06, to amend Renewed Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55 for Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS), Units 1, 2, and 3 (Ref. 1). In that submittal, Duke Energy requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and approve a Reactor Vessel Internals (RVI) inspection plan based on "Materials Reliability Program: Pressurized Water Reactor Internals Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines (MRP-227-Rev.0)" published by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

By letter dated June 28, 2012 (Ref. 2), Duke Energy committed to respond to Action Item #6 as described in an NRC Safety Evaluation Report (Ref. 3) associated with the pressurized water reactor internals inspection program's material reliability by May 31, 2014. However, since then, Duke Energy determined that providing the response by that date would be difficult primarily due to resource availability issues. As such, Duke Energy requested a 1-year due date extension during a January 16, 2014, conference call to discuss RVI LAR review status. The Staff, via a March 3, 2014, email, had no objections to the 1-year proposed extension (Ref. 4).

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There are no new commitments contained in this document. Any inquiries on this submittal should be directed to Stephen C. Newman, ONS Regulatory Affairs Group, at (864) 873-4388.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on March 20, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Batson".

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