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Subject: Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2  
Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62  
Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324  
Sixth Six-Month Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission  
Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool  
Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)

References:

1. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Order Number EA-12-051, *Issuance of Order to Modify Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation*, dated March 12, 2012, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML12054A679
2. NRC Interim Staff Guidance JLD-ISG-2012-03, *Compliance with Order EA-12-051, Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation*, Revision 0, dated August 29, 2012, ADAMS Accession Number ML12221A339
3. NEI 12-02, *Industry Guidance for Compliance with NRC Order EA-12-051, "To Modify Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation"*, Revision 1, dated August 2012, ADAMS Accession Number ML12240A307
4. Duke Energy Letter, *Carolina Power & Light Company and Florida Power Corporation's Initial Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)*, dated October 29, 2012, ADAMS Accession Number ML12307A020
5. Duke Energy Letter, *Carolina Power and Light Company's Overall Integrated Plans in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)*, dated February 28, 2013, ADAMS Accession Number ML13086A096
6. Duke Energy Letter, *First Six-Month Status Reports in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)*, dated August 26, 2013, ADAMS Accession Number ML13242A010

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7. Duke Energy Letter, *Second Six-Month Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)*, dated February 27, 2014, ADAMS Accession Number ML14073A063
8. Duke Energy Letter, *Third Six-Month Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)*, dated August 28, 2014, ADAMS Accession Number ML14254A404
9. Duke Energy Letter, *Fourth Six-Month Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)*, dated February 27, 2015, ADAMS Accession Number ML15075A024
10. Duke Energy Letter, *Fifth Six-Month Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)*, dated August 26, 2015, ADAMS Accession Number ML15246A033
11. Duke Energy Letter, *Notification of Full Compliance with Order EA-12-049, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond Design Basis External Events" and Order EA-12-051, "Order to Modify Licenses With Regard To Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation" for BSEP, Unit 2*, dated June 3, 2015, ADAMS Accession Number ML15173A013

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On March 12, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Order EA-12-051 (i.e., Reference 1) to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (Duke Energy). Reference 1 was immediately effective and directs Duke Energy to have a reliable indication of water level in associated spent fuel storage pools. Specific requirements are outlined in Attachment 2 of Reference 1.

Reference 1 required submission of an initial status report 60 days following issuance of the final interim staff guidance (i.e., Reference 2) and an Overall Integrated Plan (OIP) pursuant to Section IV, Condition C. Reference 2 endorses industry guidance document NEI 12-02, Revision 1 (i.e., Reference 3) with clarifications and exceptions identified in Reference 2. Reference 4 provided the initial status report regarding mitigation strategies at the Brunswick, Robinson, and Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plants. Reference 5 provided the OIP for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP), Unit Nos. 1 and 2.

Reference 1 required submission of a status report at six-month intervals following submittal of the OIP. Reference 3 provides direction regarding the content of the status reports. References 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 provided the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth six-month status reports, respectively, for the BSEP, Unit Nos. 1 and 2. Reference 11 provided notification of full compliance with Order EA-12-051 for BSEP, Unit 2.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the sixth six-month status report pursuant to Section IV, Condition C.2, of Reference 1. The enclosed report provides an update of milestone

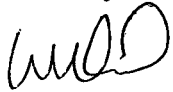
accomplishments since the last status report, including any changes to the compliance method, schedule, or need for relief and the basis, if any.

This letter contains no new regulatory commitments.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Lee Grzeck, Manager - Regulatory Affairs, at (910) 457-2487.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, executed on February 24, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Gideon', written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure: Sixth Six-Month Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012, Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051), Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP), Unit Nos. 1 and 2

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ENCLOSURE

SIXTH SIX-MONTH STATUS REPORT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 12, 2012, COMMISSION  
ORDER MODIFYING LICENSES WITH REGARD TO RELIABLE SPENT FUEL POOL  
INSTRUMENTATION (ORDER NUMBER EA-12-051)

BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT (BSEP), UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-325 AND 50-324

RENEWED FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NOS. DPR-71 AND DPR-62

## SIXTH SIX-MONTH STATUS REPORT (ORDER NUMBER EA-12-051)

### **1 Introduction**

Note: References are provided in Section 7 of this enclosure.

Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP) developed an Overall Integrated Plan (OIP) (Reference 1), documenting the requirements to install reliable spent fuel pool level instrumentation in response to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Order EA-12-051. The OIP was submitted to the NRC on February 28, 2013. The first six-month update was provided to the NRC on August 26, 2013 (Reference 2). The second six-month update was provided to the NRC on February 27, 2014 (Reference 3). The third six-month update was provided to the NRC on August 28, 2014 (Reference 4). The fourth six-month update was provided to the NRC on February 27, 2015 (Reference 5). The fifth six-month update was provided to the NRC on August 26, 2015 (Reference 6). This enclosure provides an update of milestone accomplishments since submittal of the fifth six-month update, including any changes to the compliance method, schedule, or need for relief/relaxation and the basis, if any, that occurred during the period from July 28, 2015, and January 28, 2016, (hereafter referred to as "the update period"). Reference 7 provided notification of full compliance with Order EA-12-051 for BSEP, Unit 2.

### **2 Milestone Accomplishments**

The following milestones were completed during the update period:

- Submit Fifth Six-Month Status Report

### **3 Schedule Status**

No changes were made to the schedule as reported in Reference 1 of this enclosure.

### **4 Changes to Compliance Method**

No changes to the compliance method were made during the update period.

### **5 Need for Relief/Relaxation and Basis for the Relief/Relaxation**

BSEP expects to comply with the order implementation date and no relief/relaxation is required at this time.

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### 6 Open Items from Overall Integrated Plan and Interim Staff Evaluation

All open items from the OIP or the Interim Staff Evaluation (ISE) are closed.

### 7 References

The following references support the updates to the OIP described in this enclosure.

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8. NRC letter, *Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Interim Staff Evaluation and Request for Additional Information Regarding the Overall Integrated Plan for Implementation of Order EA-12-051, Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (TAC Nos. MF0973 AND MF0974)*, dated November 18, 2013, ADAMS Accession Number ML13269A345

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9. Duke Energy Letter, *Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Overall Integrated Plan Submitted in Response to the Commission Order Modifying Licenses With Regard to Requirements for Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)*, dated July 22, 2013, ADAMS Accession Number ML13219B117
10. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Order Number EA-12-051, *Issuance of Order to Modify Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation*, dated March 12, 2012, ADAMS Accession Number ML12054A679
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