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MEMORANDUM TO: Jennifer L. Uhle, Director
Office of New Reactors

FROM: Brian E. Holian, Director */RA/*
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

SUBJECT: INIMICALITY REVIEW FOR THE WILLIAM STATES LEE III
NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION

To grant an application for a combined license, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) must find, as required by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 52.97(a)(1), that issuance of the license is not inimical to the public health and safety or the common defense and security. This finding is based on compliance with NRC regulations and an assessment of facts known to the NRC that might present inimicality concerns. This memorandum documents the conclusion from the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) staff's inimicality review concerning the subject combined license application.

A combined license application for William States Lee III (WLS) Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 has been filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) and was most recently updated on April 11, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML16124A854).

As documented in the staff's safety evaluation report, the applicant demonstrated compliance with the NRC's safety and security regulations. Also, the NRC staff is not aware of any information presenting inimicality concerns or foreign ownership, control or domination concerns that would require additional assessment for inimicality purposes. The applicant is a subsidiary of Duke Energy, a publicly traded company. DEC, a regulated utility, currently owns and operates seven nuclear power plants. Duke Energy and the staff are not aware of foreign ownership or investment in the WLS Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. Members of the board of directors for both Duke Energy and DEC are U.S. citizens.

For the above reasons, and in the absence of any information to the contrary, the issuance of licenses to DEC for WLS, Units 1 and 2 is not inimical to the public health and safety or the common defense and security of the U.S.

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