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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
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Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414  
Technical Specification Amendment  
Inconel Clad Control Rod Assemblies

Gentlemen:

My February 7, 1990 letter transmitted a proposed amendment to the Technical Specifications for Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52 for Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2. This request involved changes to Catawba Technical Specifications Design Feature 5.3.2 to allow operation with up to one inconel clad Rod Cluster Control Assembly (RCCA) in the Catawba Unit 2 core. Please find attached a revised mark-up of proposed Technical Specification 5.3.2. The enclosed changes are intended to clarify that all Unit 1 control rods are clad with stainless steel tubing.

The proposed amendment may be required to support refueling operations during the Unit 2 end-of-cycle 3 refueling outage which is scheduled to start on June 8, 1990. Therefore, it is requested that the NRC review and approve the proposed amendment prior to June 1990.

The conclusions of my February 7, 1990 letter remain valid. The proposed amendment does not involve significant hazards considerations.

Very truly yours,

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