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Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Nos 50-413 and 50-414
Technical Specification Amendment Supplement
Unit 2 Cycle 6 Reload

In a letter dated December 15, 1992, Catawba Nuclear Station submitted Technical Specification changes necessary for the operation of Catawba Unit 2 during Cycle 6. This proposed amendment was supplemented on February 5, 1993. In the initial submittal, Duke Power requested that the amendment be approved to meet the schedule for the Catawba Unit 2, Cycle 6 startup. At that time, the best available date for startup was April 1, 1993. Catawba is in the process of completing the End of Cycle (EOC) 5 outage for Unit 2 and expects to enter Mode 3 on March 25, 1993. This acceleration of the outage schedule means that Duke Power will need approval for the Cycle 6 reload amendment earlier than previously anticipated.

When this amendment was submitted on December 15, 1992, the outage schedule projected a target date of April 2, 1993 for entry into Mode 3. The Unit 2 EOC 5 outage began on January 30, 1993 with a projected target length of 68 days. Work planning and execution has gone extremely well with few problems encountered. As a result, the present schedule indicates that the outage length will be about 60 days. Catawba presently estimates that entry into Mode 3 will occur on March 25, 1993.

Notice of this Technical Specification Amendment was placed in the Federal Register on February 24, 1993. As a result, the 30 day public notice period will not expire until March 26, 1993. This amendment is needed prior to Mode 3 as a result of the removal of the lead-lag compensation from the Main Steam Line Isolation signal on low steam line pressure. Therefore, Catawba requests that approval be given to this Technical Specification Amendment before March 25, 1993 to avoid a delay in the startup of Catawba Unit 2 which would result in significant replacement power costs.

Very truly yours,

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M. S. Tuckman, being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President, Catawba Nuclear Station; that he is authorized on the part of said company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Catawba Nuclear Station Technical Specifications, Appendix A to License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of MARCH, 1993.

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