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Attention: Ms. E. G. Adensam, Chief
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Re: Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

Dear Mr. Denton:

W. O. Parker, Jr.'s letter of May 10, 1982 rescheduled Catawba's Unit 1 fuel load date to October 1984. Cancellation of two units of Cherokee Nuclear Station and near completion of the McGuire Nuclear Station, along with a completion of safety changes required following Three Mile Island, have allowed Duke to shift more of our experienced workers to Catawba and to complete construction without many of the anticipated delays.

Consequently, construction progress at Catawba supports an earlier Unit 1 fuel load than the projected fuel load date of October 1984. Our target fuel load date for Unit 1 is May 1984.

Very truly yours,

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