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Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Ms. E. G. Adensam, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 4

Re: Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

- References:
- 1) Letter from H. B. Tucker (Duke Power Company) to H. R. Denton, dated November 18, 1983
 - 2) Letter from H. B. Tucker (Duke Power Company) to H. R. Denton, dated February 15, 1984
 - 3) Letter from H. B. Tucker (Duke Power Company) to H. R. Denton, dated February 29, 1984

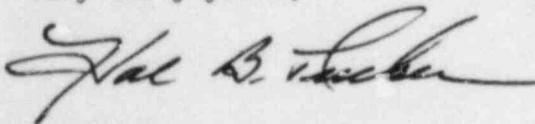
Dear Mr. Denton:

In the third paragraph of Reference 3 above, the possibility of welded piping attachments being located close to eliminated arbitrary intermediate breaks was addressed. Because of continuing NRC concerns related to welded attachments, we are herein providing a clarification of Reference 3 by replacing the third paragraph of this reference with the following statement:

"Welded piping attachments, other than shear lugs, will not be located in the proximity of any eliminated arbitrary intermediate breaks."

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



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