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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

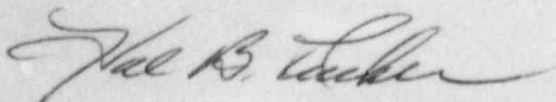
Dear Mr. Denton:

Mr. T. M. Novak's letter of August 17, 1984 requested additional assurance that the Catawba Unit 1 Technical Specifications did not contain additional errors similar to the requested changes to Specification 4.7.1.2.1 for the Auxiliary Feedwater System.

First of all, Technical Specification 4.7.1.2.1 as issued on July 18, 1984 was not inconsistent with the Catawba FSAR. The values reflected in the specification were consistent with the nominal pump parameters in FSAR Section 10.4.9. Our request to change the acceptance criteria of Specification 4.7.1.2.1 to reflect the less restrictive assumptions of the FSAR Chapter 15 accident analysis did not make the present specification inconsistent with the FSAR as certified in my letters dated July 3 and 17, 1984.

Furthermore, our certification of the Catawba Unit 1 Technical Specifications did not guarantee that the document was error free nor that future changes wouldn't be necessary. Rather, we certified that, to the best of our knowledge, the Catawba Unit 1 Technical Specifications were an accurate reflection of the as-built plant and the FSAR. Further reviews of these Technical Specifications, especially pump surveillance specifications, have not identified any generic problems. The few problems that have been identified and changes requested, were of an editorial nature. Our experience to date has indicated that the extensive review program described in my letter of July 3, 1984 has resulted in Technical Specifications that have required far fewer changes than were typically requested on previously licensed units.

Very truly yours,



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