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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414
Proposed Technical Specifications (TS) Change

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.4 and 10 CFR 50.90, attached is a proposed license amendment to Appendix A, Technical Specifications, of Facility Operating Licenses NPF 35 and NPF 52 for Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2, respectively.

The proposed change would eliminate the "during shutdown" restriction for the 18 month Standby Shutdown System (SSS) diesel generator inspection Technical Specification surveillance 4.7.13.1.c. During a review of this Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement, it was recognized that performance of the surveillance was required "during shutdown". Further review has determined that the "during shutdown" requirement has not always been met. Performance of past surveillance inspections has been completed under the action statement for the SSS system, as defined in Technical Specification 3.7.13. The action statement provides an allowable outage time of 7 days as given in the Limiting Condition For Operation. Past surveillance inspections have been completed within this time frame, otherwise both units would have been in Hot Standby within the next 6 hours and in at least Hot Shutdown within the following 6 hours as required by the Limiting Condition For Operation. Therefore, restricting the surveillance inspection to be performed only during shutdown of one or both units has been unnecessary.

Attachment 1 contains the marked up Technical Specification pages of Catawba Technical Specifications as affected by the enclosed requested amendment. Attachment 2 contains a background, description and technical justification of the enclosed requested amendment. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91, Attachment 3 provides the analysis performed in accordance with the standards contained in 10 CFR 50.92 which concludes that the requested amendment does not involve a significant safety hazards consideration. Attachment 3 also contains an environmental impact analysis for the requested amendment. Duke Power Company is forwarding a copy of this amendment request package to the appropriate South Carolina state official.

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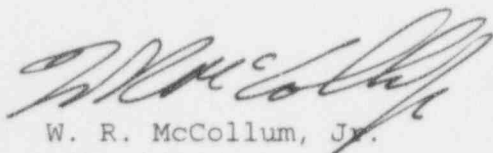
The Catawba Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) was reviewed for changes required by this proposed change to the Technical Specifications, and none were identified.

This proposed change to the Technical Specifications has been reviewed and approved by the Catawba Plant Operations Review Committee and the Nuclear Safety Review Board.

The 18 month Standby Shutdown System (SSS) diesel generator inspection surveillance required by Technical Specification 4.7.13.1.c will be due on May 29, 1997 (does not include maximum allowable extension). Therefore, it is requested that the review and approval of this proposed amendment be completed by April 1, 1997.

Should there be any questions or should additional information be required, please contact Devereux Tower at 803-831-3419.

Sincerely,



W. R. McCollum, Jr.

Attachments

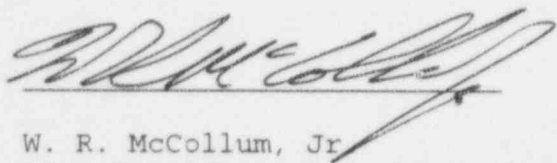
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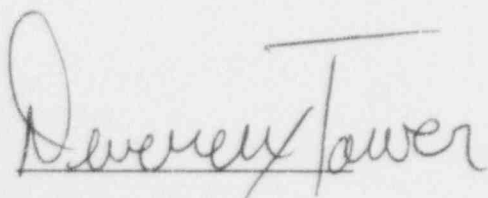
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W. R. McCollum Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is Vice-President of Duke Power Company, Catawba Nuclear Station; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Catawba Nuclear Station 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.



W. R. McCollum, Jr.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of November, 1996.



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