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Subject: Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1
Docket No. 50-413
Technical Specification Change
to Allow Natural Circulation Testing

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, attached is a proposed one-time revision to Technical Specification 3/4.1.2. This change will facilitate natural circulation testing in Mode 3 following steam generator replacement for Catawba Unit 1. Duke Power is requesting review and approval of these changes by October 1, 1997.

Attachment 1 contains the marked up Technical Specification pages (as well as revised originals) and Attachment 2 contains the Technical Justification, No Significant Hazards Analysis and Environmental Impact Assessment. Since the requested change is for a one-time operation, the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report will not be impacted.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(b)(1), a copy of this amendment request has been provided to the appropriate South Carolina state officials.

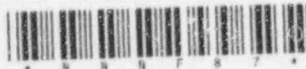
These proposed changes have been reviewed and approved by the Catawba Plant Operations Review Committee and the corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

If additional information is required, please call Robert Sharpe at (704) 382-0956.

Very truly yours,

W. R. McCollum, Jr.

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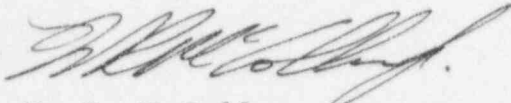
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W. R. McCollum, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Power Company; that he is authorized on the part of said company to sign and file with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission these revisions to the Catawba Nuclear Station License No. NPF-35; and, that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



W. R. McCollum, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of MAY 1997



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Notary Public

My Commission expires:

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JANUARY 23, 2005

Attachment 1