

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the charter has been filed with the GSA, the chair of the Commission, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the House of Representatives Committee on Resources. A copy of the charter has also been submitted to the Library of Congress.

Name of Committee: Advisory Committee on Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals

Purpose and Objective: Committee members will participate in a policy dialogue to review available information, identify research needs, and recommend management actions and strategies related to the impacts of anthropogenic sound on marine mammals.

Balanced Membership Plans: In an effort to assess the need for an advisory committee, over eighty individuals from a wide variety of interested stakeholder groups were interviewed. The Commission also solicited comments and nominations for the Committee in the **Federal Register**.

The Committee will consist of approximately 26 members representing entities who activities introduce anthropogenic sounds into the marine environment, government regulatory and funding agencies, non-governmental organizations including environmental groups, and scientists with pertinent expertise. Every effort has been made to select Committee members who have a high level of expertise and interest concerning the impacts of sound on marine mammals and other components of the marine environment, who have decision-making authority, and who have demonstrated their ability to represent a constituency and communicate effectively with constituents whose interests they represent.

Duration: Continuing.

Responsible Commission Official: David Cottingham, Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission, 4340 East-West Hwy., Rm. 905, Bethesda, MD 20814.

DATES: The Commission intends to appoint Committee members in December 2003 and convene the Committee's first meeting in early February 2004. A list of Committee members will be posted on the Commission's Web site (www.mmc.gov).

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370, 50-413, and 50-414]

Duke Energy Corporation, McGuire Nuclear Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1; and North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1, Piedmont Municipal Power Agency for Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2; Notice of Issuance of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9, NPF-17, NPF-35, and NPF-52 for an Additional 20-Year Period

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9, NPF-17, NPF-35, and NPF-52 to Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee), the operator of the McGuire Nuclear Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (McGuire, Units 1 and 2), and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (Catawba, Unit 1), and North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1 and Piedmont Municipal Power Agency for Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2 (Catawba, Unit 2). Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-9 authorizes operation of McGuire, Unit 1, by the licensee at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3411 megawatts thermal in accordance with the provisions of the McGuire, Unit 1, renewed license and its Technical Specifications. Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-17 authorizes operation of McGuire, Unit 2, by the licensee at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3411 megawatts thermal in accordance with the provisions of the McGuire, Unit 2, renewed license and its Technical Specifications. Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 authorizes operation of Catawba, Unit 1, by Duke Energy Corporation at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3411 megawatts thermal in accordance with the provisions of the Catawba, Unit 1, renewed license and its Technical Specifications. Renewed Facility

Operating License No. NPF-52 authorizes operation of Catawba, Unit 2, by Duke Energy Corporation at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3411 megawatts thermal in accordance with the provisions of the Catawba, Unit 2, renewed license and its Technical Specifications.

McGuire, Units 1 and 2, are pressurized water nuclear reactors located in Mecklenburg County, 17 miles northwest of Charlotte, North Carolina. Catawba, Units 1 and 2, are pressurized water nuclear reactors located in York County, 18 miles southwest of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The applications for the renewed licenses complied with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations. As required by the Act and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, the Commission has made appropriate findings, which are set forth in each license. Prior public notice of the action involving the proposed issuance of these renewed licenses and of an opportunity for a hearing regarding the proposed issuance of these renewed licenses was published in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 2001 (66 FR 37072).

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the Duke Energy Corporation's license renewal applications for McGuire, Units 1 and 2, and Catawba, Units 1 and 2, dated June 13, 2001, as supplemented by letters dated March 1, March 8, March 11, March 15, April 15, June 25 (two letters), June 26, July 9, October 2, October 28, November 5, November 14, November 18, November 21, and December 16, 2002; (2) the Commission's safety evaluation report, dated August 14, 2002, and March 2003 (NUREG-1772); (3) the licensee's updated final safety analysis report; and (4) the Commission's final environmental impact statement (NUREG-1437, Supplements 8 and 9), dated December 2002. These documents are available at the NRC's Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, first floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852, and can be viewed from the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room at (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>).

Copies of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9, NPF-17, NPF-35, and NPF-52 may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Director, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs. Copies of the safety evaluation report (NUREG-1772), and the final