NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883) meeting:

Date and Time: February 13–14, 2006, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 300 E Street SW., Room MIC–5, Washington, DC 20546.

Type of Meeting: Open.

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Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

Agenda: To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Reason for Late Notice: Due to administrative complications and oversight.

Dated: February 9, 2006.

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Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of Duke Energy Corporation; Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring and Approving Conforming Amendments

(Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2).	Docket No. 50–413. Docket No. 50–414. Renewed License No. NPF–35.
(McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2).	Docket No. 50–369. Docket No. 50–370. Renewed License No. NPF–9. Renewed License No. NPF–17.
(Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3) and Oconee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation).	Docket No. 50–269. Docket No. 50–270. Docket No. 50–287. Docket No. 72–004. Renewed License No. DPR–38. Renewed License No. DPR–47. Renewed License No. DPR–55. License No. SNM–2503. Renewed License No. NPF–52.

I.

Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy), the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, and the Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc., are the holders of Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF–35, which authorizes the possession, use, and operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1. Duke Energy, the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1, and the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency are the holders of Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF–52, which authorizes the possession, use, and operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 2. The Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, is located in York County, South Carolina.

Duke Energy is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF–9 and NPF–17, which authorizes the possession, use, and operation of the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The McGuire Nuclear Station is located in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Duke Energy is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR–38, DPR–47, and DPR–55, which authorize the possession, use, and operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, and Materials License No. SNM–2503, which authorizes operation of the Oconee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). The Oconee Nuclear Station and the ISFSI are located in Oconee County, South Carolina.

II.

By application dated August 5, 2005, as supplemented by letters dated November 28 and December 14, 2005, and February 6, 2006, Duke Energy requested, pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Part 50, Section 50.80 (10 CFR 50.80), consent to the indirect license transfers that would be effected by the indirect transfer of control of Duke Energy's ownership and/or operating interests in Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 (the Duke nuclear units) and the Oconee ISFSI. This action is being sought as a result of a corporate restructuring involving the creation of a new holding company which will become the parent of Duke Energy. The new holding company, to be named Duke Energy Corporation (referred to herein as New Duke Energy, to distinguish it from the licensee, Duke Energy), will be created in connection with the merger of Duke Energy with Cinergy Corporation (Cinergy). Duke Energy will convert its corporate form to a limited liability company (LLC) without interruption of its legal existence and be renamed Duke Power Company LLC (Duke Power). The holders of the Catawba Nuclear Station Renewed Facility Operating Licenses other than Duke Energy are not involved in this action.

Approval of the indirect transfer of the Renewed Facility Operating Licenses and the Oconee ISFSI License was requested by Duke Energy pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80 and 10 CFR 72.50, respectively. Approval of conforming license amendments was requested pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90 and 72.56. Three notices entitled, ''Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring and Conforming Amendments, and Opportunity for a Hearing,'' were published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2005 (70 FR 77430 (Catawba), 70 FR 77429 (McGuire), and 70 FR 77428 (Oconee)). No comments or hearing requests were received.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. In addition, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.50, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application by Duke Energy and other information before the Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has determined that the subject corporate restructuring will not affect the qualifications of Duke Energy, converted to Duke Power, to hold the licenses to the same extent now held by Duke Energy, and that the indirect