supported by a safety evaluation dated December 2, 2011.

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Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 164 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234, respectively); and 10 CFR 50.80, it is hereby ordered that the application regarding the indirect license transfers related to the proposed merger is approved.

It is further ordered that after receipt of all required regulatory approvals associated with the proposed indirect transfer action, CP&L shall inform the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in writing of the date of the closing of the corporate merger of Progress Energy and Duke Energy. Should the indirect transfer of control of the licenses not be completed by December 2, 2012, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, upon written application and good cause shown, such date may be extended by order of the Commission.

This Order is effective upon issuance. For further details with respect to this Order, see the initial application dated March 30, 2011, as supplemented by letter dated September 2, 2011, and the Safety Evaluation dated December 2, 2011, which are available for public inspection at the Commission’s Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are accessible electronically through ADAMS at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR reference staff by telephone at 1–(800) 397–4209, or (301) 415–4737, or by email at pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.