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Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(I)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 4, 1998, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document rooms located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut 06360, and the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Louis L. Wheeler,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414]

### Duke Energy Corporation; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of exemptions from Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52, issued to Duke Energy Corporation, *et al.* (the licensee), for operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 located in York County, South Carolina.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, from certain requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion (GDC) 57, regarding

isolation of main steam branch lines penetrating the containment. The proposed action is in response to the licensee's application dated September 2, 1997.

##### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The licensee requested an exemption from GDC 57 for Containment Penetrations M261 and M393 (erroneously stated as M363 in the submittal). GDC 57 imposes isolation requirements on lines that penetrate primary reactor containment and are neither part of the reactor coolant pressure boundary nor connected directly to the containment atmosphere. These are penetrations on main steam branch lines. These lines penetrate the containment and are not part of the reactor coolant pressure boundary or connected directly to the containment atmosphere. Outside of containment, these lines branch into various separate, individual lines before reaching the respective main steam isolation valves. From each of these main steam lines, one branch supplies main steam to the turbine-driven auxiliary feedwater pump (CAPT, using the licensee's abbreviation).

Valves SA-1 and SA-4 are manual gate valves located in the Interior Doghouse immediately downstream of the respective main steam piping. These valves are locked open (with break away locks) and capable of local manual operation only. These valves are required to be open by Technical Specifications to supply steam to the CAPT, which is part of the engineered safety features. To comply literally with GDC 57, the licensee would have to add motor operators to SA-1 and SA-4 such that they become automatic or capable of remote operation.

##### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact if the exemptions are granted. No changes will be made to the as-built design, and existing applicable procedures at the two units at Catawba Nuclear Station will remain the same.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

##### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

##### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Impact Statement related to the Catawba Nuclear Station.

##### *Agencies and Persons Contacted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 1, 1998, the staff consulted with the South Carolina State official, Virgil Autrey, of the Bureau of Land and Waste Management Department of Health and Environmental Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

##### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed exemptions will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's request for the exemptions dated September 2, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington DC, and at the local public document room located at the York County Library, 138 East Black Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Postal Service Board of Governors

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATES:** 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 4, 1999; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 5, 1999.

**PLACE:** Washington, D.C., at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

**STATUS:** January 4 (Closed); January 5 (Open).

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, January 4—1:00 p.m. (Closed)

##### 1. Strategic Planning.

Tuesday, January 5—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, December 7-8, 1998.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
3. Consideration of Board Resolution on Capital Funding.
4. Annual Report on Government in the Sunshine Act Compliance.
5. Consideration of the FY 1998 Annual Report.
6. Capital Investment.
  - a. Automatic Airline Assignment/Semiautomatic Scan Where You Band Equipment.
7. Inspector General Report on Procurement Prequalification Process.
8. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors.
9. Tentative Agenda for the February 1-2, 1999, meeting in Ft. Myers, Florida.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

#### Thomas J. Koerber,

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-23618; International Series Release No. 1175; File No. 812-10772]

### Telesystem International Wireless Inc.; Notice of Application

December 22, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

**ACTION:** Notice of application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicant requests an order that would permit it and its controlled companies to engage in certain foreign telecommunications infrastructure projects without being subject to the provisions of the Act.

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on September 8, 1997. Applicant has agreed to file an amendment to the application during the notice period, the substance of which is included in this notice.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on January 19, 1999, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicant, 1000 de La Gauchetiere Street West, 16th Floor, Montreal, Quebec, H3B 4W5 Canada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David W. Grim, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0571, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch [450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549; (202) 942-8090].

## Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant, a Canadian corporation, was formed in 1996 in connection with the corporate reorganization of Telesystem International Wireless Corporation, N.V. ("TIWC"), a Netherlands corporation. TIWC was founded in 1992 to pursue international opportunities in the wireless telecommunications services market. Pursuant to the reorganization of TIWC, which was completed concurrently with applicant's initial public offering in Canada in May 1997, TIWC became a direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of applicant. Applicant's subordinated voting shares are traded on the Montreal and Toronto stock exchanges and, since June 1998, on the NASDAQ National Market.

2. Substantially all of applicant's operations are conducted through its subsidiaries and affiliates, which are principally engaged in the development, acquisition, ownership, and operation of wireless telecommunications networks in both developing and developed markets throughout the world. Applicant's operations currently include cellular operations in Romania, China, India, and Brazil, specialized mobile radio operations in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, and Belgium, and paging operations in Mexico and the Netherlands.

3. Applicant and its subsidiaries have benefited historically from the expertise and experience of applicant's shareholders and their affiliates, particularly Telesystem Ltd. ("Telesystem"), in identifying international wireless telecommunications opportunities and providing critical support in forming, developing, and implementing their operations. Telesystem is a privately-owned Canadian holding company engaged in the telecommunications business. Wholly-owned subsidiaries of Telesystem currently own common shares of applicant constituting an approximately 18% economic interest and 39% voting interest in the equity of applicant.

4. Applicant requests relief to permit applicant and each entity now or in the future controlled by, or under common control with, applicant (each, including applicant, a "Covered Entity") to engage, either directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, in certain foreign telecommunications infrastructure projects without being subject to the provisions of the Act. For purposes of the application, applicant represents that "foreign telecommunications infrastructure projects" means