STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )
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COUNTY OF Mecklenburg

I, Keith E. Jacobs, a Notary Public for the above County and State, hereby certify that Carol D. Denton personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is Assistant Secretary of DUKE POWER, a Duke Energy company, and that by authority duly given and as the act of said corporation, the foregoing and annexed instrument was signed in its name by Larry G. Bost, its General Manager [redacted], sealed with its corporate seal and attested by herself as its Assistant Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 11th day of August, 1998.

Keith E. Jacobs
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 6, 2003