June 19, 2000

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SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 RE: REQUEST FOR

WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE - TOPICAL REPORT DPC-NE-2003, REVISION 1 (TAC NOS. MA8234, MA8235, AND

MA8236)

Dear Mr. Tuckman:

By your application and affidavit dated June 7, 2000, you submitted Topical Report DPC-NE-2003, Revision 1 and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC public document room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems Publicly Available Records System (ADAMS PARS) Library.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure because the information consists of analysis methodology details, analysis results, supporting data, and aspects of development programs relative to a method of analysis that provide a competitive advantage to Duke.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version(s) of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review

this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

/RA/

David E. LaBarge, Senior Project Manager, Section 1 Project Directorate II Division of Licensing Project Management Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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