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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, and -287
Withdrawal of License Amendment Request for Keowee
Surveillance Requirement 3.8.1.9
Technical Specification Change (TSC) Number
2000-04

On July 27, 2000, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted a License Amendment Request (LAR) regarding changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) for 3.8.1 AC Sources - Operating. Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.8.1.9.a does not clearly delineate the requirements for ensuring the adequate response time of the Keowee Hydro Units (KHU). The proposed LAR revised SR 3.8.1.9.a to specify the lower frequency and voltage operating limits to which the KHU are required to accelerate within 23 seconds.

In discussions between Duke and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), it became apparent that disagreement existed in the interpretation of the upper voltage and frequency limits associated with SR 3.8.1.9.a as it relates to testing of the KHU. A conference call between Duke and the NRC occurred on September 5, 2000 to discuss this issue. Because of the disagreement, Duke subsequently requested a Notice of Enforcement Discretion (NOED) regarding compliance with the requirements of the upper voltage and frequency limits established in SR 3.8.1.9.a. The NOED was granted on September 5, 2000 and a follow-up LAR was submitted to the NRC on September 7, 2000.

The follow-up LAR adds a note to SR 3.8.1.9.a that allows for the upper voltage and frequency limits to not be met until an amendment is issued that removes the note. The LAR to remove the note is to be submitted no later than April 5, 2001. The follow-up LAR was approved by the NRC on October 4, 2000 and implemented by Duke on November 4, 2000.

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Duke requests that TSC 2000-04 be withdrawn. Duke plans to submit a revised LAR to resolve the disagreement with current SR 3.8.1.9.a. This revised LAR is to be submitted by April 5, 2001.

Please address any questions to L. E. Nicholson at (864) 885-3292.

Very Truly Yours,



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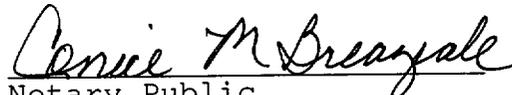
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W. R. McCollum, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President, Oconee Nuclear Site, Duke Energy Corporation, that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, DPR-55; and that all the statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



W. R. McCollum, Jr., Vice President
Oconee Nuclear Site

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of
November, 2000



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