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Docket Nos.: 50-269, 50-270 and 50-287

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Dear Mr. Tucker:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY ORDER OF APRIL 10, 1987, MODIFYING LICENSE

Reference: Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3

The referenced Confirmatory Order placed restrictions of operation on Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 until such time as certain conditions were met, inspected by NRC inspectors, and approved by the Region II Regional Administrator for relief from the restrictions. The conditions and status of the individual units are given below.

A. Oconee Unit 1, License No. DPR-38

Conditions: Until the 1A LPI cooler is cleaned, tested, evaluated and approved for full power operations, the following conditions, in brief, must be met. The maximum power level shall be 91.5% of rated power and the high flux trip point shall be set at that power; and, the remaining non-ES LPI pump shall be operable.

Status: As verified by NRC inspectors, Unit 1 is operating under the above restrictions. (In fact the unit currently is limited to approximately 88% power by the temporary main step-up transformer in use.) The Confirmatory Order conditions remain in effect.

B. Oconee Unit 2, License No. DPR-47

Conditions: Oconee Unit 2 was placed under the same restrictions as Unit 1 except that power was restricted to 81.7% until approved for full power operation by the Regional Administrator.

Status: On April 11, NRC inspectors reviewed test results and analyses concerning LPI coolers and reactor building cooling units of Unit 2 and found that they met conditions of the Confirmatory Order. The required approval for power ascension to 100% was given by Region II to the station manager at 11:00 a.m. on April 11. (However, it is recognized that Unit 2 is currently limited to 88% power due to high steam generator levels.)

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C. Oconee Unit 3, License No. DPR-55

Conditions: The Order specified that Unit 3 remain shutdown until the 3A and 3B LPI coolers were approved for full power operation by the Regional Administrator.

Status: Unit 3 LPI coolers and reactor building cooling units were cleaned and tested. Test results and analyses were reviewed by NRC inspectors on April 12, and found to satisfy the requirements of the order. The required approval for startup was given by Region II to the station manager at 2:00 p.m. on April 12.

We therefore confirm that the conditions of the Confirmatory Order have been met on Units 2 and 3, and therefore, the restrictions imposed by the order for Units 2 and 3 have been lifted. The restrictions remain in effect on Unit 1.

Sincerely,

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REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

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