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**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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March 24, 1999

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**SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AMENDMENTS -
OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 1,2, AND 3 (TAC NOS. MA4958, MA4959,
AND MA4960)**

Dear Mr. McCollum:

By letter dated October 28, 1997, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted an amendment request to convert the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 Technical Specifications (TS) to the improved TS (ITS). By letter dated September 4, 1998, the staff issued changes to the electrical system TS requirements as Amendment Nos. 232, 232, and 231 to Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55 for Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 respectively, that was also the technical review of the corresponding ITS requirements that would be incorporated into, and implemented concurrently with, the ITS amendments. Amendment Nos. 232, 232, and 231 completely revised the current TS related to the electrical distribution system and incorporated new requirements for system operation, limiting conditions for operation, and surveillance requirements. They included a new Channel Calibration Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.7.6.1 for the Emergency Power Switching Logic (EPSL) voltage sensing channels, with setpoint allowable values of ≥ 226 kilo-volts (kv) and ≤ 229 kv.

By letter dated October 28, 1998, Duke submitted Supplement 4 to the ITS that, among other provisions, incorporated the many changes from Amendment Nos. 232, 232, and 231 into the proposed ITS. By letter dated December 16, 1998, the staff issued ITS Amendment Nos. 300, 300, and 300 for Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Implementation of these amendments was specified to be no later than April 30, 1999.

By letter dated March 11, 1999, Duke notified the staff that the EPSL SR allowable values specified in Amendment Nos. 232, 232, and 231 had not been incorporated into Supplement 4 due to a transcription error. Hence, the ITS SR values shown in the ITS were not correct.

The staff agrees that the EPSL SR values currently specified in the ITS (219 kv and 222 kv) are significantly different from those approved in Amendment Nos. 232, 232, and 231, and that the values specified in the ITS are incorrect. The values specified in Amendment Nos. 232, 232, and 231 are the values that were reviewed by the staff with the expectation that they would be incorporated into the ITS or, if a change was intended, would be specifically addressed and the change justified so it could be reviewed by the staff. Since no such change was submitted by Duke, the staff did not review the SR values. Therefore, the staff agrees that the existing ITS SR values are in error, that use of the values specified in the enclosure (the values specified in Amendments 232, 232, and 231) are justified, and that this is a nontechnical change that can

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be made administratively. As a result, ITS page 3.3.19-2 should be replaced with the enclosed prior to implementation of the ITS.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.3.19.1 Perform a CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST.	18 months
SR 3.3.19.2 Perform a CHANNEL CALIBRATION of the voltage sensing channel with the setpoint allowable value as follows: Degraded voltage \geq 226 kV and \leq 229 kV with a time delay of 9 seconds \pm 1 second.	18 months

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