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Docket Nos. 50-269

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and 50-287

Duke Power Company
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Attention: Mr. W. S. Lee
Vice President

Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your request, dated July 7, 1967, for an exemption from the provisions of Section 50.10(b), 10 CFR 50 of the Commission's rules, pursuant to Section 50.12 of the rules, to permit the performance of certain work at the site of the Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 1 prior to the issuance of a construction permit by the Commission.

You state that design of the Oconee containment structures is such that the tendon access and inspection galleries must be completed before reinforcing steel for the base slabs may be placed. You further state that scheduling of the construction of the gallery is critical and must occur at an early stage, otherwise, the placing of the steel for the base slab cannot be undertaken and the start of construction of the Oconee Unit 1 facility will be delayed some six weeks after the issuance of a construction permit.

We have carefully reviewed your request described in your July 7th letter, for an exemption under the provisions of Section 50.10(b) and the reasons set forth in support thereof, and have concluded that the granting of the proposed exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby authorizes you to construct the tendon access gallery for Unit 1 at the Oconee Nuclear Station site, as requested in your letter of July 7, 1967, prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

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I wish to emphasize that the granting of this exemption shall have no effect upon the subsequent granting or denial of a construction permit for the proposed Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 1, and any work performed pursuant to this exemption shall be performed entirely at the risk of Duke Power Company. Furthermore, the granting of this exemption does not constitute an approval of the type or adequacy of the method of its installation.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed by G. K. Beck

for
Harold L. Price
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