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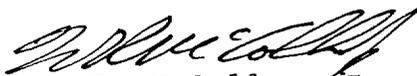
Subject: Duke Energy Corporation  
Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1,2,3  
Docket Nos. 50-269, 270, 287  
Third Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval  
Request for Relief No. 01-001 (TAC MB1706)

On April 5, 2001, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted Request for Relief No. 01-01 pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g) (5)(iii) and 50.55a(g)(6)(i). This request was for eleven (11) components for which Duke personnel determined it is impractical to meet the volumetric requirements for ultrasonic examination of certain specified welds due to piping/vessel geometry, interferences, and existing examination technology. The request sought relief to accept the portions of the weld volume that can be practically examined.

Through subsequent discussions with the Staff, Duke has concluded that a portion of the request was confusing and poorly worded. In order to clarify our request, please replace the existing Section III, "Code Requirement from which Relief is Requested" with the new Section III provided on the attachment to this letter.

If there are any questions or further information is needed you may contact R. P. Todd at (864) 885-3418.

Very truly yours,

  
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## ATTACHMENT

### III. **Code Requirement from which Relief is Requested:**

Examination Category B-D: Relief is requested from the requirement to scan the entire examination volume as shown in figure IWB-2500-7.

Examination Category C-B: Relief is requested from the requirement to scan the entire examination volume as shown in figure IWC-2500-4 (a) or (b).

Examination Category B-J: Relief is requested from the requirement to examine 100% of volume C-D-E-F of IWB-2500-8.

Examination Category C-F-1: Relief is requested from the requirement to examine 100% of volume C-D-E-F of IWC-2500-7.