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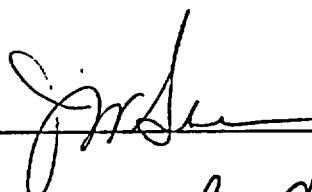
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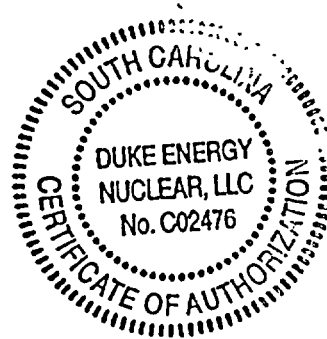
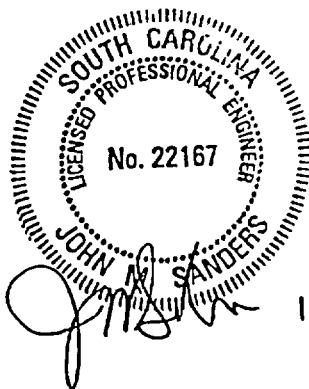
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## Oconee 3 Cycle 20

### 1.0 Error Adjusted Core Operating Limits

The Core Operating Limits Report for O3C20 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of ITS 5.6.5. The core operating limits within this report have been developed using NRC approved methodology identified in references 1 through 10. The RPS protective limits and maximum allowable setpoints are documented in references 11 through 13. These limits are validated for use in O3C20 by references 14 through 16. The O3C20 analyses assume a design flow of 107.5% of 88,000 gpm per RCS pump, radial local peaking ( $F_{\Delta h}$ ) of 1.714, an axial peaking factor ( $F_z$ ) of 1.5, and an EOC ( $\leq 100$  ppmB) Tav<sub>g</sub> reduction of up to 10 °F provided 4 RCPs are in operation and Tav<sub>g</sub> does not decrease below 569 °F.

The error adjusted core operating limits included in section 1 of the report incorporate all necessary uncertainties and margins required for operation of the O3C20 reload core.

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Steady State Operating Band

EFPD	Rod Index		APSR %WD	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
0 to 426	292 ± 5	300	30	40
426 to EOC	292 ± 5	300	100	100

Quadrant Power Tilt Setpoints

Core Power Level, %FP	Steady State		Transient		Maximum 0 - 100
	30 - 100	0 - 30	30 - 100	0 - 30	
Full Incore	3.50	7.73	7.23	9.51	16.67
Out of Core	2.24	6.09	5.63	7.72	14.22
Backup Incore	2.22	3.87	3.63	4.81	10.07

Referred to by TS 3.2.3.