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SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 - ADDITION OF TOPICAL REPORT BAW-10164P-1, REVISION 1, TO THE CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (TAC NOS. MB8226, MB8227, AND MB8228)

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We acknowledge that there is a discrepancy in the cross referencing and are currently working with Framatome to eliminate these problems. In the meantime, consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.59, you may add the NRC-approved topical report BAW-10164P-A, Revision 4, to the Oconee COLR. However, to avoid a possible inconsistency with our efforts with Framatome, you should include BAW-10164P-A, Revision 4, as a separate COLR reference and retain this letter in plant files as clarification.

Sincerely,

/RA by J. Nakoski for/

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