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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 3 - Docket No. 50-287
Third Ten-year Inservice Inspection Interval
Request for Alternate (Relief Request No. 03-004, MB9962)

By letter of July 2, 2003, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted a Request for Alternate for the Oconee Unit 3 third 10-year reactor vessel examination per 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(5)(iii).

Subsequent to that submittal, the NRC approved the use of Code Case N648-1 which allows use of an enhanced VT-1 inspection in lieu of an Ultrasonic Test (UT). Duke has reviewed this Code Case and has concluded that the intent of Duke's request can be achieved by application of Code Case N648-1 to the examination for which relief had been requested.

Therefore, Duke now intends to perform the examination by applying Code Case N648-1. For that reason, the requested relief, designated Relief Request No. 03-004, is no longer needed and Duke hereby withdraws the request.

Please direct any questions to R. P. Todd at (864) 885-3418.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments: None

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