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August 30, 2005

Duke Energy Corporation
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Seneca, SC 29672

SUBJECT: MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - PUBLIC MEETING - OCONEE NUCLEAR
STATION - DOCKET NOS. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter confirms the telephone conversation between James Weast of your staff and myself on August 8, 2005, concerning the scheduling of a Regulatory Performance Meeting for September 20, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. This is a Category One public meeting required by the NRC Action Matrix. The meeting notice, which provides additional details is enclosed. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the results of the supplemental inspection performed to assess your corrective actions associated with two White findings identified in the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone that placed the performance of Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 in the Degraded Cornerstone Column of the NRC's Action Matrix for the third quarter 2004. The first White finding involved pressurizer ambient heat losses in all three Oconee units exceeding the capacity of the pressurizer heaters powered from the standby shutdown facility (SSF). That White finding was evaluated and closed in Supplemental Inspection Report 05000269,270,287/2004011. The second White finding involved delayed manning of the SSF during a fire in certain plant areas. The supplemental inspection was completed on June 8, 2005, and the results were reported in NRC Supplemental Inspection Report 05000269,270,287/2005006, dated June 22, 2005. This inspection focused primarily on the second White finding and the combined assessment of the two White findings.

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Should you have any questions concerning this conference, please contact me at 404-562-4540.

Sincerely,

/RA by Joseph B. Brady Acting For/

Michael E. Ernstes, Chief
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SUBJECT: REGULATORY PERFORMANCE MEETING WITH DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

FACILITY: Oconee Nuclear Station

DOCKETS: 50-269, 50-270, 50-287

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, September 20, 2005
2:00 p.m. (EDT)

LOCATION: Complex Building Auditorium
Oconee Nuclear Station
155 East Pickens Highway (Hwy 183)
Seneca, SC 29672

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the results of the supplemental inspection performed to assess Oconee's corrective actions associated with two White findings identified in the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone that resulted in Oconee Units 1,2, and 3 third quarter 2004 performance being in the Degraded Cornerstone Column of the NRC's Action Matrix. The NRC's Policy Statement, "Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings," effective May 28, 2002, applies to this meeting. The policy statement may be found on the NRC Web site, www.nrc.gov, and contains information regarding visitors and security.

CATEGORY: This is a **Category 1** meeting: The public is invited to observe this meeting and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned.

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