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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Revision to Technical Specifications for the
Upgraded ECCW System
License Amendments 229, 230, 226
License Condition #1

In a letter dated April 24, 1998, the NRC issued Amendment Nos. 229, 230, and 226 to Facility Operating License DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55 respectively. As stated in the change to Appendix C of the amended licenses, License Condition 1 was created which required Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) to: 1) provide comparisons of critical characteristics for the new equipment that is being installed by the ECCW upgrade with data from testing or from recorded earthquakes, in accordance with Section 2.3.4, Part 1 of GIP-2 and Section I.2.3.4, paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the staff's SSER dated May 22, 1992, or 2) qualify the new equipment using the existing methods in Section 3 of the Oconee UFSAR. This condition required that this information be provided to the NRC by July 15, 1998.

On June 30, 1998, Duke supplied NARE (New and Replacement Equipment) evaluation packages for new equipment associated with the Unit 2 Oconee ECCW upgrade project. The data was presented on forms using the then-current guidance provided by the SQUG Steering Committee in its paper "Requirements for Use of the GIP for New and Replacement Equipment and Parts (NARE)".

Following receipt of this information, the NRC Staff discussed the format with Duke and an agreement was reached that the NARE data-sheet would be revised, with concurrence

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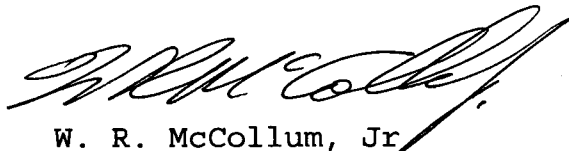
from the SQUG Steering Committee, and the Unit 2 data resubmitted using the revised format.

The revised NARE evaluation packages for new equipment associated with the Unit 2 Oconee ECCW upgrade project are submitted as Attachment 1.

As described in prior correspondence, NARE packages for new equipment associated with the Units 1 & 3 ECCW system upgrades will be provided within 60 days of completion of refueling outages 3EOC17 and 1EOC18. It is anticipated that the Unit 1 and 3 packages will also use the revised format. License Condition 1 contained in License Amendments 229 and 226 of Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38 and DPR-55, respectively, will be considered complete when the NARE evaluation packages are submitted for each unit.

If there are any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Randy Todd at (864) 885-3418.

Very truly yours,



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