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Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Extension of Due Date for UFSAR Accuracy and
Completeness Review due to Additional Scope

By letter dated June 16, 1997, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) informed the NRC of its plans and proposed schedule for performing a UFSAR Accuracy and Completeness Review (UFSAR Reverification Project). Subsequent letters to the Commission on the subject dated October 30, 1997 and January 14, 1998 communicated status updates and schedule changes. The Oconee completion date for the review of high priority chapters (6,7,8,9,10 and 15) was established as October 1998. At the Control Room Ventilation System (CRVS) Predecisional Enforcement Conference held May 19, 1998 which ultimately involved Violation 98-199-02014 "Untimely UFSAR Change", Duke committed to complete the UFSAR Reverification Project by December 31, 1998. In fact, that review was completed as scheduled.

The desired references to verify existing UFSAR statements are QA design documents, calculations, and controlled drawings. However, in certain cases, docketed correspondence was used as the source to verify UFSAR statements. Subsequently, it was concluded that additional validation efforts may be necessary to truly verify UFSAR statements supported only by correspondence. Therefore, Duke has elected to revisit the original review results at

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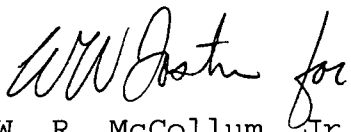
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Oconee and identify those cases where only correspondence was used to verify accuracy of UFSAR statements. Those cases will then be designated as "unverified statements" requiring further investigation. Duke will attempt to locate valid references or re-create them, as necessary. As a result of this added scope, the target date to complete the the UFSAR Reverification Project will be extended to May 31, 1999.

If there are any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Edwin Price Jr. at (864) 885-4388.

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