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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Request for Technical Specification Amendment
Surveillance Requirements

In a letter dated February 2, 1998, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) requested an amendment to the Technical Specifications for Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2, and 3. The amendment consisted of proposed changes to the surveillance requirements for various structures, systems, and equipment. The proposed changes revised selected surveillance requirements from a refueling outage frequency to an 18 month frequency.

In the Duke submittal which was dated February 2, 1998, Technical Specification 4.2.2 was revised from an each refueling shutdown surveillance requirement to an every 18 month surveillance requirement. This surveillance requirement was inadvertently included in the Technical Specification amendment request. Technical Specification 4.2.2 is an ASME type structural inspection of the core barrel to core shield locking caps. This activity must be performed during each refueling shutdown since the reactor vessel head must be removed to perform this inspection. Therefore, Duke requests that the proposed change to the Technical Specification 4.2.2 requirement be removed from the proposed amendment request.

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In addition, a Technical Specification amendment request dated January 15, 1998, is scheduled for approval prior to the issuance of the safety evaluation report (SER) for the

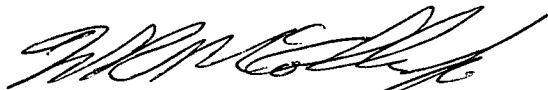
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February 2, 1998, Technical Specification amendment request. Since the two amendment requests impact several redundant pages, a revision of the pages in the February 2, 1998, submittal is necessary to incorporate the changes to the Technical Specification pages which will be approved prior to the issuance of the SER on the February 2, 1998, submittal. In Attachment 1, revised pages are included to update the February 2, 1998, submittal to include the changes made to the Technical Specifications by the January 15, 1998, submittal.

If there are any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Michael Bailey at (864) 885-4390.

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