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Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Proposed Technical Specification Changes Related to Enforcement Discretion on Steam Generator

Tubing Surveillance (98-07)

Technical Specification 4.17.2 requires that steam generator tubes which exceed the repair limit be repaired by sleeving or rerolling, or be removed from service. Based on midcycle reviews of past steam generator inspection data for Units 1 and 3, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) determined that certain repairs were not implemented in accordance with Technical Specification 4.17.2. This determination was made at 1715 hours on June 2, 1998. Since this condition would lead to a shutdown of Oconee Units 1 and 3, Duke submitted a request for enforcement discretion on June 3, 1998. licensee held a conference call with the NRR and Region II staff at 0900 hours on June 3, 1998 to discuss its request for enforcement discretion. At 1225 hours on June 3, 1998, Oconee committed to NRR granted enforcement discretion. submit proposed Technical Specification changes to resolve this issue by June 4, 1998. This submittal fulfills that commitment. Additionally Duke commits to perform these repairs prior to the next Unit 1 and 3 refueling outages if plant conditions result in an extended cold shutdown of greater than seven days.

Pursuant to 10CFR50, Part 50.90, Attachment 1 provides a proposed amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS)

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Facility Operating Licenses and Technical Specifications. Attachment 2 provides a marked up copy of the current Technical Specifications. Attachment 3 provides the Technical Justification for the proposed amendment and Attachment 4 provides the No Significant Hazards Consideration. The Environmental Impact Analysis is provided in Attachment 5.

The proposed Technical Specification amendment has been reviewed and approved by both the Plant Operations Review Committee and the Nuclear Safety Review Board. The UFSAR, and submittal for conversion to Improved Technical Specifications, will be updated, as necessary, to reflect the changes associated with this submittal.

It is Duke's understanding that enforcement discretion will remain in effect until the staff completes its review and approves the proposed changes provided in this license amendment. Thus, Duke requests prompt attention to this matter.

A copy of this application is being forwarded to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for their review and, as appropriate, subsequent consultation with the staff. Please address any questions to J. E. Burchfield, Jr., at (864) 885-3292.

Very Truly Yours,

W. R. McCollum, Jr., Site Vice President

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Attachments

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W. R. McCollum, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is Site Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation, that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

W. R. McCollum, Jr., Site Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 4th day of June, 1998.

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