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SUBJECT: Forwards New & Replacement Equipment evaluation packages for new equipment associated w/Unit 2 ECCW upgrade project in attachment 1 & interim SEWS forms for Unit 1 & 3 ECCW equipment in attachment 2, IAW license amends 229, 230 & 226.

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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.

As agreed upon during an NRC/Duke conference call on June 3, 1998, Duke is supplying NARE (New and Replacement Equipment) evaluation packages for new equipment associated with the Unit 2 Oconee ECCW upgrade project as Attachment 1. These NARE evaluation packages were developed based on guidance provided by the SQUG Steering Committee in its recently generated paper "Requirements for Use of the GIP for New and Replacement Equipment and Parts (NARE)". Therefore, this submittal satisfies License Condition 1 for Unit 2 as contained in License Amendment 230 of Facility Operating License DPR-47.

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Interim SEWS forms for Unit 1 & 3 ECCW equipment are provided as Attachment 2. Installation of the Units 1 & 3 components has not been completed. Therefore, the NARE evaluation for this equipment cannot be completed at this time.

As described in the Bases of the Technical Specification change associated with License Amendments 229 and 226 of Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38 and DPR-55, respectively, the amendments for Units 1 and 3 do not take effect until installation of the ECCW upgrades are complete on each unit. NARE New and Replacement evaluation 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. The Unit 3 ECCW upgrade will be completed by the end of the Unit 3 End of Cycle 17 refueling outage (3EOC17), which is scheduled to end on November 30, 1998. The Unit 1 ECCW upgrade will be completed by the end of 1EOC18, which is scheduled to end on July 14, 1999. Therefore, 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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