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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications
Containment Inservice Inspection Program
Technical Specification Change No. 99-08

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) hereby requests an amendment to the Technical Specifications (TS) for Oconee Nuclear Station. This proposed amendment revises the Containment Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program of TS 5.5.2, "Containment Leakage Testing Program," and TS 5.5.7, "Pre-Stressed Concrete Containment Tendon Surveillance Program," for Units 1, 2, and 3.

The proposed amendment conforms the Oconee TSs to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a(g) (4) pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a(g) (5) (ii). Additionally, the proposed amendment permits ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, Subsection IWL visual examinations to be performed in lieu of concrete and post-tensioning system general visual examinations required by 10 CFR 50, Appendix J and Regulatory Guide 1.163 between Type A tests. The proposed amendment also permits general visual examinations of the concrete and post-tensioning system that can be performed with a unit in operation to be performed prior to the beginning of a refueling outage during which a Type A test is scheduled.

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Oconee Unit 3 is the next unit requiring Containment ISI (general visual and tendon inspections) for which approval of this TS amendment is needed. The required Unit 3 ISI is

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scheduled to start prior to and continue into a refueling outage currently scheduled to begin on April 17, 2000. Duke requests NRC approval of the proposed TS changes by February 17, 2000. Approval by February 17, 2000, provides 30 days for TS change implementation and 30 days to perform the pre-outage general visual examinations.

Attachments 1 and 2 provide the proposed new TS pages and the markup pages for the TS, respectively. The markup pages identify the added and deleted portions. Attachment 3 provides the supporting technical justification. Attachments 4 and 5 contain the No Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation and the Environmental Impact Analysis, respectively.

Implementation of this amendment to the Oconee Technical Specifications will impact the Oconee Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR). Necessary changes to UFSAR sections 3.8.1.2 and 3.8.1.7 will be made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

The Nuclear Safety Review Board and the ONS Plant Operations Review Committee have reviewed and approved this proposed TS amendment.

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.

If there are any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Robert Douglas at 864-885-3073.

Very truly yours,



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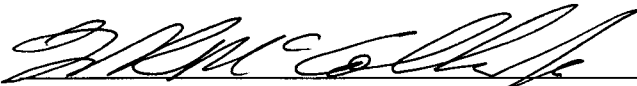
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W. R. McCollum, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is Site Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation; that he is authorized on the part of said corporation to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Oconee Nuclear 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 me: 9-29-99
Date

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