

July 31, 1998

Mr. William R. McCollum, Jr., Vice President  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NRC REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF OPERATING LICENSES FOR OCONEE  
NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

Dear Mr. McCollum:

This letter forwards the staff's proposed safety and environmental review schedule for the Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) application submitted on July 7, 1998, to renew the operating licenses for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3. The NRC staff will follow established review procedures and the enclosed schedule to complete the safety and environmental reviews required by 10 CFR Parts 54 and 51, respectively. The enclosed schedule does not address any hearing that might be held in the proceeding.

I would like to stress that this is a very ambitious schedule and the staff will make every effort to meet or exceed the milestones. We therefore request that you inform the staff as early as possible should potential schedule delays arise in your support for the milestones.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Stephen T. Hoffman, the License Renewal Project Manager for Oconee at 301-415-3245.

Sincerely,

original signed by  
Christopher I. Grimes, Director  
License Renewal Project Directorate  
Division of Reactor Program Management  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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

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**NRC REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION'S  
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF OPERATING LICENSES FOR  
OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3**

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Date</u>
Receive Renewal Application	7/7/98
Notice Application Tendered	7/22/98
Complete Acceptance & Docketing	8/6/98
Public Meeting & EIS Scoping	10/19/98
Staff Complete Technical RAIs	12/4/98
Staff Complete Environmental RAIs	1/3/99
Applicant Complete Technical RAI Responses	2/17/99
Applicant Complete Response to Environmental RAIs	3/4/99
Issue DES for comment	6/2/99
Staff Complete SER and Identify Open Items	6/17/99
Public Meeting	7/2/99
Complete DES Comments	8/16/99
Applicant Complete Response to Open Items	10/15/99
Staff Issue SSER & FES	2/12/00
ACRS Meeting	5/12/00
Commission Decision on Application	TBD

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**Abbreviations**

ACRS	Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
DES	Draft environmental statement
EIS	Environmental impact statement
FES	Final environmental statement
RAIs	Requests for additional information
SER	Safety evaluation report
SSER	Supplemental evaluation report
TBD	To be determined

Enclosure