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 Oconee self-identified fire barrier penetration seal
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Fire Barrier Penetration Seals

On August 4, 1998, Duke Energy Corporation (DEC) voluntarily submitted a letter to the NRC regarding plans to address self-identified fire barrier penetration seal deficiencies at Oconee, Catawba and McGuire. The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC of a revision to our original project plan for addressing the Oconee deficiencies. The project plan for resolving McGuire and Catawba issues is unchanged.

The original project plan committed to conduct sample inspections and repair deficient fire barrier penetration seals at Oconee by June 1, 1999. It also included a commitment to develop a configuration database by June 1, 1999. The intrusive inspections have been in progress since May 1998. As a result of the sample inspections, we intend to inspect all remaining penetration seals in fire barriers provided to meet fire protection program commitments. Due to the scope of that effort, we have extended our Oconee project completion date from June 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.

The intrusive inspections are being used to compile pertinent information for use in the configuration database. The configuration database for those penetration seals for which survey information is compiled will be completed by June 1, 1999. This includes configurations qualified by fire test and those qualified by engineering analysis. For those that have not yet been inspected, the configuration

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database will be completed as the survey information becomes available. The database will be completed by December 31, 1999.

We discussed the revised project completion date with Mr. Chuck Ogle and Mr. Jerry Wiseman of your staff on May 12, 1999 and May 26, 1999.

Please contact Jeff Thomas at (704) 382-5826 should there be any questions regarding this letter.

Very Truly Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.S. Tuckman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

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