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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION - NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/96-05,
50-270/96-05 AND 50-287/96-05

Dear Mr. Hampton:

This refers to the special inspection conducted on March 16 - 23, 1996, at the Oconee facility. The purpose of the inspection was to review the circumstances surrounding the Unit 3 reactor trip event on March 16, 1996. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of concern because the required 10 CFR 50.72 report submitted by your staff was both late and inadequate in describing the event and the circumstances involved. The NRC relies on the accuracy and timeliness of these reports for an initial evaluation of the significance of events. The report addressed in the enclosed Notice was not adequate to allow such an evaluation.

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Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC inspection Report

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