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Waiver\_Purpose: UCS seeks the requested record to better understand the NRC staff's concerns about the single failure vulnerability identified in the Oconee CDBI report (ML14178A535) and discussed in Duke Energy's response letter (ML15139A049).

Waiver\_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS obtained related TIA 2014-04 via FOIA 2015-00384. The TIA contained information not available in the CDBI report and Duke Energy's response letter (such as fuller background on the history of the issue at Oconee.) That information significantly enhanced our understanding of the matter. UCS seeks the requested record with the expectation that it will provide us with better context of this issue, too.

Waiver\_SpecificActivityQuals: Electrical protection problems have been a recurring topic for UCS to discuss publicly, from our Futility at the Utility report on EDG undervoltage settings at Fermi 2 to degraded voltage protection issues more recently at Hatch. UCs seeks the Oconee information to first understand what happened there but also to gain insights into why Operating Experience efforts undertaken after the Fermi 2 and Hatch events did not reveal similar problems at Oconee sooner.

Waiver\_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: Because the requested document is not publicly available and the only public references to it have been in NRC and industry reports heavy with technical jargon and acronyms, UCS's commentaries on this matter will most likely be the only way the general public learns about it. UCS also hopes to reach another audience - workers at other nuclear plants. Apparently, info about single failure vulnerabilities is not getting out despite similar events at Millstone and Byron, so we hope that our commentaries on this Oconee event will also reach workers at other nuclear plants who don't yet know much about it.

Waiver\_NatureOfPublic: The local community around Oconee has interest. I've made two trips to South Carolina in recent years to talk at public events that were well attended. The larger implications from this event - why OE didn't trigger the problem to be caught sooner - appeals to a national audience as it reflects on the industry's and the NRC's safety oversight efforts.

Waiver\_MeansOfDissemination: UCS has a website and blog that we post commentaries and materials to. We will likely issue a blog commentary and a short report for our blog and website, respectively. UCS may also package this issue with other related issues at Oconee and in the industry for longer reports/commentaries.

Waiver\_FreeToPublicOrFee: Information posted to the UCS website and blog are available for viewing/downloading without charge.

Waiver\_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.

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