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From: B. Grimes, AD for Engineering and Projects, DOR/NRC

To: Mr. William O. Parker, Jr., Duke Power Co.

By letter dated June 22, 1978, you advised us of a circuit fault associated with Rod 6 of Safety Group 4 of the control rod system at Oconee-2 and requested extension of the surveillance interval for this rod for seven days (through July 4, 1978).

This is to advise you that your specific request is denied because we conclude that the subject rod is inoperable per Specification 3.5.2.2 b, except as noted below. Accordingly, you should perform the various actions set forth in the Facility Technical Specifications

relative to the existence of one inoperable rod.

This does not include surveillance testing of the inoperable rod, however.

The exception deals with conformance with Specification

3.5.2.2.ⁱ In the present ^{specific} case of inoperability of Rod 6 of Group 4 of Oconee-2, the requirements of Specification 3.5.2.2.ⁱ are waived effective immediately and continuing through July 1, 1978 at which time this waiver will expire. The basis for this waiver is that power reduction called for by Specification 3.5.2.2.ⁱ is based on the possible effects of rod misalignment.

In the present instance, since the rod is properly aligned, there is no undue hazard to health and safety of the public by operating at full power so

long as the rod ~~retains~~ maintains its alignment.

We understand that you will shut down

Prepared by gB Zvezij
ORPM

to repair the inoperable rod no later than July 3, 1978

Brian Lerner 6:50 pm
6/27/78

* This requirement does not apply in the case of ¹⁹⁷⁸ ~~light~~ Rod of safety brought ~~into~~ the power reduction will not be required due to the inoperability of this rod for the limited period through July 1, 1978 or until the licensee obtains information indicating that the rod may not be capable of performing its assigned safety function, whichever occurs first.

Footnote to Oconee-2 TS 3.5.2.2.i