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 changing Tech Specs, Section 4 to modify certain surveillance
 annual basis to performance during each refueling outage.
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Dear Sir:

Please find attached a proposed revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) Technical Specifications which concerns modifying certain surveillance requirements from performance on an annual basis to performance during each refueling outage. As the Oconee units make the transition from the "12-month" fuel cycle to the "18-month" fuel cycle, intervals between the refueling outages grow longer. Consequently, the requirements for annual performance of certain surveillances become more restrictive for those surveillances requiring shutdown conditions.

Duke Power Company wishes to avoid untimely outages of the Oconee units for surveillance purposes and thus proposes to change the frequency of performance of certain surveillances from "annual" to "refueling outage." In particular, the attached specifications (Attachment 1) need revision in order to avoid an outage of Oconee Unit 1 in early 1981. The next refueling outage of Unit 1 is expected to occur in May or June of 1981. However, several surveillances must be performed in February, March, and April in order to prevent a violation of the current Technical Specifications. Unless the specifications of Attachment 1 are approved by February 1, 1981, Duke Power will be forced to shut down Oconee Unit 1 and perform these surveillances. Approval of the proposed changes, however, would allow an extension of the interval between surveillances such that an outage before refueling would not be required.

Therefore, Duke Power Company requests that the Staff review the revised specifications of Attachment 1 and the discussion of the revisions provided in Attachment 2. It is hereby requested that approval of these proposed revisions be provided to Duke Power Company no later than February 1, 1981. Duke Power wishes to emphasize again the fact that unless approval of these specifications is received by this deadline, Oconee Unit 1 will be forced to shut down.

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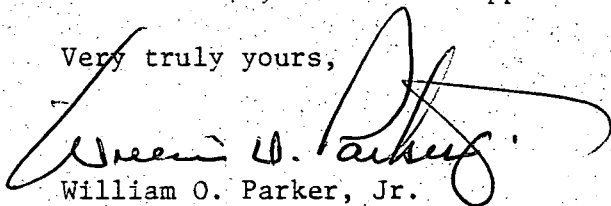
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Duke Power is presently reviewing the specifications for other surveillances which do not become due before the Unit 1 refueling outage. Where applicable, these specifications will also be revised as described above. However, these revisions will be submitted by a separate letter at a future date.

This proposed revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specifications is considered to consist of one Class III and two Class I license amendments. Therefore, pursuant to 10CFR 170, §170.12, please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$4,800 for all applicable licensing fees.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William O. Parker, Jr.", is written over the typed name below.

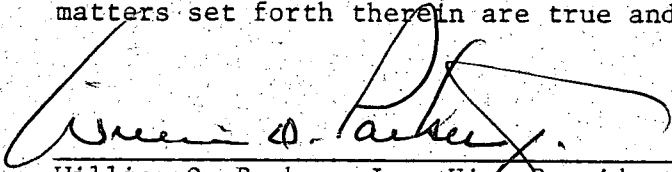
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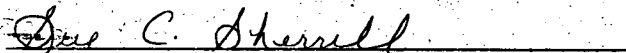
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WILLIAM O. PARKER, JR., being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Power Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specifications, Appendix A to Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-55; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



William O. Parker, Jr., Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December, 1980.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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