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SUBJECT: Application for amend to Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47 & DPR-55, consisting of Revision 1 to App A Tech Specs re inservice surveillance requirements for snubbers. Class I & III amend fees encl.

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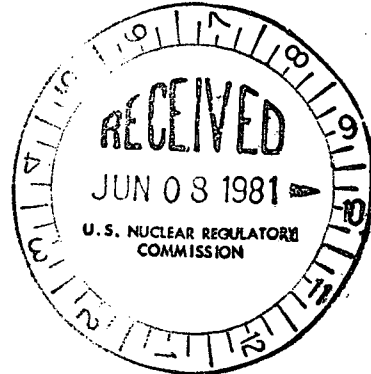
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June 3, 1981

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. J. F. Stolz, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4

Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287



Dear Sir:

In a letter dated November 20, 1980, the NRC Staff requested the Duke Power Company submit a license amendment to incorporate the applicable portion of Revision 1 of the Inservice Surveillance Requirements for Snubbers under the Standard Technical Specifications into the Appendix "A" Technical Specification for Oconee Nuclear Station. Please find attached the proposed Technical Specification Revision for Snubber Surveillance. My letter of April 3, 1981 addressed the delay in the preparation of these Technical Specifications.

The proposed Technical Specification differs from the Standard provided in that a table listing all snubbers is not included. Rather, it refers to a Station Procedure to list all the applicable snubbers which are associated with safety-related components. This requirement to have test procedures for safety-related equipment also exists in Specification 6.4.1. It is considered that inclusion of such a listing in the Technical Specifications would not provide any additional assurance of public safety but would instead be an administrative burden, as snubbers were changed, added, re-identified, etc. It is considered that the requirement to have a station procedure referenced in the Specification is sufficient to assure that the safety-related snubbers remain operable.

Duke Power Company has deleted Mechanical Functional Testing from the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specifications at this time. Currently there are no feasible means available for performing this testing. When such means become commercially and abundantly available, Duke Power will incorporate the following into the Oconee Technical Specifications:

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Mechanical Snubbers Functional Test Acceptance Criteria

The mechanical snubber functional test shall verify that:

1. The force that initiates free movement of the snubber rod in either tension or compression is less than the specified maximum drag force.
2. Activation (restraining action) is achieved within the specified range of velocity or acceleration in both tension and compression.
3. Snubber release rate, where required, is within the specified range in compression or tension. For snubbers specifically required not to displace under continuous load, the ability of the snubber to withstand load without displacement shall be verified.

Duke Power Company requests to be extended a 30-day grace period after these specifications are approved in order to allow sufficient time to fully implement the new procedures and to train personnel concerning these new procedures.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 170.5 170.22 this proposed amendment is considered to consist of one Class III and two Class I license amendments. Therefore, please find a check in the amount of \$4,800.

Very truly yours,



A. C. Thies

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Attachment

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A. C. THIES, being duly sworn, states that he is Senior 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 request for amendment of 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.

A. C. Thies

A. C. Thies, Senior Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of June, 1981.

Sue C. Sherrill

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

September 20, 1984