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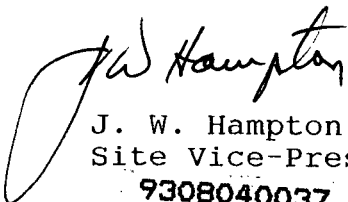
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By letter dated December 2, 1983 to the NRC, Duke requested a common start date of April 1, 1984 for the Second Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval. By letter dated January 23, 1986 to the NRC, Duke requested the common start date be revised to March 1, 1984. These requests were reviewed by the NRC and found to be acceptable as documented in NRC letters dated November 7, 1984 and May 14, 1991.

Based on the dates above, the Second Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval would end and the Third Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval would begin on March 1, 1994. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, Article IWA-2400(c) states in part, " Each inspection interval may be decreased or extended (but not cumulatively) by as much as 1 year." This letter is to inform the NRC of Duke's intent to use this Code allowance to extend the Second Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval for Oconee. The Second Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval will end for Unit 1 on July 15, 1994 and will end for Units 2 and 3 on December 16, 1994. This change will allow Oconee the time to better manage the remaining inspection activities for the Second Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval and to develop the Third Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval Plan on a Unit by Unit basis rather than all three Units concurrently.

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