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Schedule for Conversion to Improved Standard
Technical Specifications

By letter dated August 17, 1995, Duke Power Company informed the NRC staff of its intention to submit the Improved Technical Specifications amendment packages for Catawba and McGuire Nuclear Stations in February, 1997 and for Oconee Nuclear Station in October, 1997. Technical review of the conversion drafts for Catawba and McGuire have been delayed due to refueling outages, steam generator replacement outages and conflicts in scheduling key review personnel. Based on these delays in the conversion schedule, we plan to submit the Improved Technical Specifications for Catawba and McGuire in May, 1997. The schedule for Oconee will remain as previously planned.

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