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Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Oconee Integrated Emergency Power and Engineered
Safeguards Functional Test
Keowee and Lee Voltage and Frequency Protection
Modification

In a letter dated October 31, 1996, Duke Power committed to perform a one-time integrated emergency power and engineered safeguards (ES) functional test. The commitment was made in response to Open Issues #3 and #4 which were contained in Attachment #1 of the October 31, 1996, letter. The Duke letter contained a detailed description of the planned test and a commitment to provide the schedule for the performance of the test to the NRC by February 28, 1997.

In addition, the Duke letter dated October 31, 1996, committed to a review of the possibility for performance of the one-time integrated emergency power and engineered safeguards functional test during the outage of all three Oconee units that was in progress at the time. In a letter dated November 21, 1996, Duke committed to the performance of a one-time integrated emergency power and ES functional test during the three unit Oconee outage. Duke's letters indicated that the integrated test which was described in Open Issues #3 and #4 of the October 31, 1996, letter would not be performed if the one-time integrated test was performed during the three unit Oconee outage.

The one-time integrated emergency power and ES functional test was performed on January 2-5, 1997. Therefore, the one-time integrated emergency power and ES functional test

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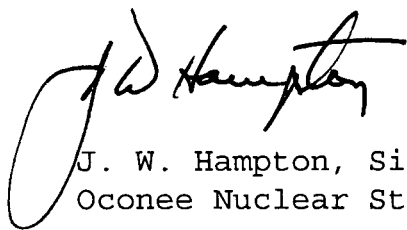
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which was described in the October 31, 1996, letter will not be performed. In a letter dated January 30, 1997, Duke provided the schedule for the submittal of the test report and CYME computer simulation for the one-time integrated emergency power and ES functional test.

Additionally, the October 31, 1996, letter contained a commitment to install voltage and frequency protection for the power supply from Keowee and the Lee gas turbines. The letter provided a description of the planned modification and a commitment to supply a modification implementation date to the NRC by February 28, 1997. The preliminary scope document has been completed and reviewed for implementation. The modification will be implemented by the end of innage period #67. Innage period #67 is the time period between the completion of the Oconee Unit 3 end of cycle outage #17 and the beginning of the Oconee Unit 1 end of cycle outage #18. Currently, innage period #67 is tentatively scheduled to start in August 1998 and end in December 1998. The scheduled dates for the innage period may change depending on the associated Oconee unit outages.

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