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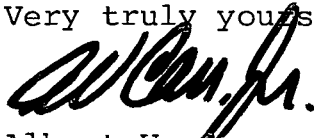
Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

By your letter dated August 14, 1981, you stated that Duke Power Company would have until 30 days after the Commission completed action on the industry petition to extend the June 30, 1982, deadline for environmental qualification in which to either reaffirm or withdraw our request for hearing regarding the Order imposing environmental qualification requirements for Oconee Units 1, 2 and 3. As you know, the Commission published its final rule on environmental qualifications on January 21, 1983. 48 Fed. Reg. 2729. That final rule will become effective on February 22, 1983, at which time Commission action on the industry petition will be completed.

We are in the process of reviewing that rule. We have not yet determined whether we wish to reaffirm or withdraw our hearing request. We will make that determination within the 30-day period following February 22 (*i.e.*, by March 24, 1983), and will advise you in writing by that date.

Very truly yours,



Albert V. Carr, Jr.

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