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

Gentlemen:

This supplements my letters related to implementation of NUREG-0578, Category A items and provided in response to the Show Cause Order of January 2, 1980. It also serves to confirm telephone conversations held with Mr. Denton and Mr. Weiner with Mr. Thies of Duke on January 29, 1980 concerning operation of Oconee.

The current status of the Oconee units is as follows: Unit 3 is at full power; Unit 2 is operating and in a coast-down mode decreasing power at approximately 1% per day. Oconee 1 is in its last weeks of refueling for Cycle 6 operation. Several major events must be satisfactorily completed prior to full power operation. Of these, completion of the NRC required High Pressure Injection System cross-connect modification, heatup of primary and secondary systems, containment integrated leak rate tests, primary system hydrostatic test, and zero power and power escalation testings are critical path items. Any delays associated with completion of these items or any other system operability problems would delay the Oconee full power date beyond the currently scheduled date.

It is Duke's desire to maintain Oconee 2 on line at maximum power level until Oconee 1 has completed its refueling outage and has attained full power. This is currently scheduled for February 15, 1980, however delays can be expected as systems are returned to service and final testing is completed. If both Oconee 1 and 2 are out simultaneously, Duke's reserves will be only 1.8%. This value is unacceptably low and creates a situation in which Duke might not be able to carry system requirements.

Duke hereby reiterates its position that Oconee 2 should not be shut down until Oconee 1 has been restarted and attains 100% full power.

Very truly yours,

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