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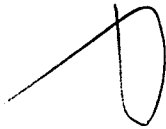
SUBJECT: Requests that NRC complete review & approval of Category B
 Items 2.1.3B, 2.1.7A & 2.1.8B. Review needed to facilitate
 installation of Category B mods prior to 810101.

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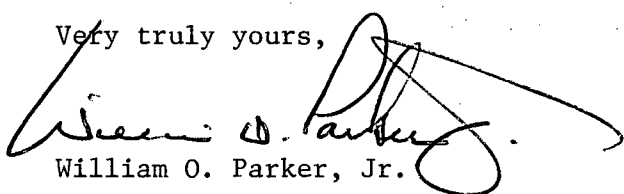
Dear Sir:

NUREG-0578 required that certain Category B items be reviewed and approved by the Staff prior to implementation. These include Item 2.1.3B, Installation of New Instrumentation for Detection of Inadequate Core Cooling; Item 2.1.7A, Safety Grade Automatic Initiation of AFW; Item 2.1.8B, In-Containment and Effluent High Range Radiation Monitors. My letters of January 2, January 31, and February 29, 1980 provided descriptions of systems proposed to implement these requirements at Oconee Nuclear Station, except for Item 2.1.3B for which no new instrumentation was identified as being required.

Design and procurements efforts are in progress for all category B items with the expectation that the required equipment will be received in time for implementation this fall on Oconee units 1, 2 and during the forthcoming Unit 3 refueling outage projected to start this November. However, in earlier documents, review and approval prior to implementation was required by the Staff for the above Category B items. Lack of Staff action jeopardizes installation of these specific Category B modifications prior to January 1, 1981.

It is requested that the Staff complete its review of these items in a timely manner or otherwise promptly provide further guidance to Duke in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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