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Dear Mr. Parker:

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By letter dated September 24, 1980 you stated that the existing Oconee TS provide for sufficient heat removal capability during all modes of operation. You provided a comparison of our suggested TS and the existing TS. We have reviewed your response and the Oconee Nuclear Station TS and have found that the existing TS adequately resolve our concern for all operating conditions except for the condition between 250°F and the re-fueling mode. We have, however, also reviewed your June 6, 1980, letter to Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director, Region II, in response to IE Bulletin 80-12, which contains (in response to Item 6) a commitment to maintain procedures to assure that redundant or diverse decay heat removal methods are available during all modes of plant operation. The staff, therefore, agrees that the existing TS and administrative controls provide the necessary assurance that adequate decay heat removal capability will be available in all modes of operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact your NRC Project Manager.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

John F. Stolz, Chief
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