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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
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Attachment: BAW-1895, "Pressurized Thermal Shock
Evaluations in Accordance With
10 CFR 50.61 for B&W Owners Group
Reactor Pressure Vessels", dated
January, 1986

Dear Sir:

Duke Power Company (Duke), in concert with B&W Owners Group, has performed evaluations to address the requirements of 10 CFR 50.61, Fracture Toughness Requirements for Protection Against Pressurized Thermal Shock Events. The attached report, BAW-1895, provides a generic assessment of all operating 177 FA B&W Owners Group reactor pressure vessels beltline materials and compares the projected values of RT_{PTS} with the PTS screening criteria values. The projected values of RT_{PTS} for all the materials in the reactor vessel beltline region, summarized in Tables 4-1 through 4-3 of BAW-1895, are below the screening criteria at the expiration date of the operating license of Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2 and 3.

The current expiration date of the Operating Licenses for all three Oconee Units is November 6, 2007 which is based on the Oconee Construction Permit approved on November 6, 1967. By letter dated January 14, 1986, Duke submitted an amendment request to extend the Operating License expiration dates of all the Oconee Units based on the date of issuance of the full power operating license. The proposed expiration dates will be February 6, 2013, October 6, 2013, and July 19, 2014 for Oconee Units 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

As indicated in Table 2-1 of BAW-1895, both Units 1 and 3 will meet the PTS screening criteria well beyond their proposed Operating License expiration dates in 2013 and 2014, respectively. For Oconee Unit 2, however, the screening criteria may be slightly exceeded for the proposed license expiration date.

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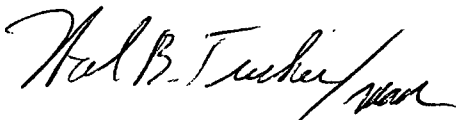
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The calculations summarized in Table 2-1 assume a utilization factor (EPPY/Calendar Year) of 0.80 and no change in future fuel cycles. Based on actual experience at the Oconee Nuclear Station the utilization factor is more close to 0.65. Calculations with a 0.65 utilization factor will certainly extend the PTS limit for Unit 2 further in time.

In support of the amendment request for license extension submitted on January 14, 1986, Duke will perform evaluations to demonstrate that the Oconee Unit 2 projected RT_{PTS} at the proposed extended license expiration date will not exceed the PTS screening criteria. The results of this evaluation will be submitted by April 15, 1986.

Duke has also evaluated RT_{PTS} for all Oconee units at the time of submittal of this letter, January 23, 1986, as required by 10 CFR 50.61(b)(1). This evaluation, although not included in BAW-1895, applied the same methodology described in BAW-1895. All of the projected values of RT_{PTS} at the time of this submittal satisfy the screening criteria. The highest projected RT_{PTS} values at the time of submittal of this letter are 191 compared to PTS screening criterion of 270 for Unit 1 and 233 and 178 compared to PTS screening criterion of 300 for Units 2 and 3, respectively.

Very truly yours,



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