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SUBJECT: Responds to NRC 790622 ltr requesting addl info re containment purging during operation. Util intends to limit purging during power operation & has initiated evaluation of containment purge sys to be completed by mid-Nov.

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

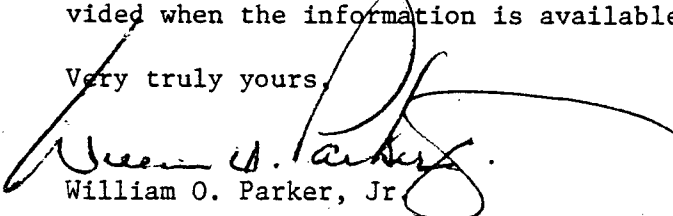
Dear Sir:

In a letter dated January 5, 1979, Duke Power Company provided a response to your letter of November 27, 1978 concerning containment purging during operation of Oconee Nuclear Station. In subsequent discussions with the Staff on this concern, the need for additional information on the Oconee containment purge system and its operation was discussed.

In the near term, Duke Power Company intends to limit purging during power operation consistent with operational and personnel exposure requirements. Additionally, we have initiated an evaluation of the Oconee containment purge system relative to the guidance provided by the Staff. It is expected that this evaluation will be completed by mid-November. Upon completion of this evaluation, appropriate actions with regard to operation of the Oconee purge system will be taken.

In a letter dated August 22, 1979, additional information concerning the Oconee purge system was requested. A response to this request will be provided when the information is available following completion of the evaluation.

Very truly yours,


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