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SUBJECT: Forwards answer to Commission 800207 order modifying 800102 order to show cause. Up-to-date data re power reliability will be reviewed by early Mar. Proposed Unit 3 shutdown date will be submitted after 800315.

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Re: Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 2 & 3
Docket Nos. 50-270 & 50-287
Order Modifying January 2, 1980
Show Cause Order

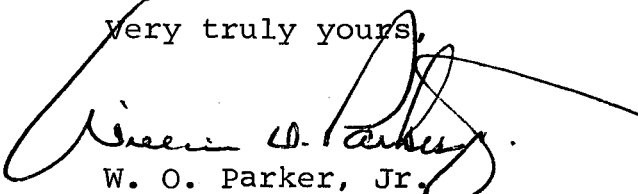
Dear Mr. Denton:

On February 7, 1980 you forwarded the Order Modifying January 2, 1980 Show Cause Order for Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3, which was issued by the Commission. The Order provided that the Licensee may file a written Answer within 20 days of the date of the Order.

Duke Power Company's Answer to the Order Modifying January 2, 1980 Show Cause Order has been filed with Mr. Chase Stephens, Docketing & Service Section. A copy is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the recent Order contemplates consideration of additional data regarding power reliability in March, we will review our most up-to-date data by the end of the first week of March. As indicated in our Answer, if the data warrants shutdown of Unit 3 on a date later than March 15, 1980, it will be submitted with a proposed shutdown date for consideration by the NRC.

Very truly yours,


W. O. Parker, Jr.

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