NOED 98-6-011

Duke Energy Corporation
ATTN: Mr. W. R. McCollum
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P. O. Box 1439
Seneca, SC 29679

SUBJECT:

NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-269/98-11, 50-270/98-11, 50-287/98-11 AND

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. McCollum:

On January 16, 1999, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an integrated inspection at your Oconee 1, 2, and 3 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the seven-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the Oconee facilities was generally characterized by safety conscious operations, maintenance, and engineering practices. Based on the inspection finding, one violation of NRC requirements is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. However, the NRC has concluded that information regarding the reasons for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence are already adequately addressed in this report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

Also, during the inspection period, the NRC received your response dated December 14, 1998, to Violation 50-269,270,287/98-09-02. We have evaluated your response and found that it meets the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201. We will examine the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and any response you provide will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

Orig signed by Charles A. Casto

Charles A. Casto Deputy Director Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287, 72-04 License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, DPR-55, SNM-2503

Enclosures: (See page 2)

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1. Notice of Violation

2. Inspection Report 50-269/98-11, 50-270/98-11, 50-287/98-11

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