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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT RO-269/78-2 ON 1/5/78 CONCERNING KEOWEE HYDRO
UNIT 1 NOT VERIFIED OPERABLE WITHIN ONE HOUR OF TAKING UNIT 2 OUT OF
SERVICE.

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January 31, 1978

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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: Oconee Units 1,2,3
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.6.2 of the Oconee Nuclear Station
Technical Specifications, please find attached Reportable Occurrence
Report RO-269/78-2.

Very truly yours,

William O. Parker Jr. by WAH
William O. Parker, Jr.

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Attachment

cc: Director, Office of Management Information
and Program Control

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Report Number: RO-269/78-2

Report Date: January 31, 1978

Occurrence Date: January 5, 1978

Facility: Oconee Units 1, 2 and 3, Seneca, South Carolina

Identification of Occurrence: Keowee Hydro Unit 1 not verified operable within one hour of taking Unit 2 out of service.

Conditions Prior to Incident: Unit 1 100% FP
Unit 2 90% FP
Unit 3 71% FP

Description of Occurrence

On January 5 at 1040 Keowee Hydro Unit 2 (a source of auxillary power to the Oconee Nuclear Station) was taken out of service for maintenance resulting in the disabling at the emergency start feature of the unit. At 1600 the unit was returned to service and verified operable. Keowee Unit 1 was not, however, verified operable until 1609. Technical Specification 3.7.2(b) requires that in such an instance the other Keowee Unit (Unit 1) be verified operable within one hour of removal of the unit (Unit 2) from service.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence

The apparent cause of the delay in checking Keowee Unit 1 operability was failure to follow established procedures (personnel error). Procedure OP/O/A/1106/19 provides steps to assure that the requirements of Technical Specification 3.7.2(b) are met.

Analysis of Occurrence

Technical Specifications state that one Keowee Hydro Unit may be inoperable for periods not exceeding 72 hours for tests and maintenance provided the other Keowee Unit is connected to the underground feeder cable and verified operable. Keowee Unit 1 was connected to the underground feeder cable and was operable when checked. All off-site sources of emergency power and all Oconee Nuclear Station Units were available for emergency power if needed. The health and safety of the public were not endangered by this incident.

Corrective Action

All operators associated with this incident reviewed the applicable Technical Specifications and operating procedures.

