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WILLIAM O. PARKER, JR. VICE PRESIDENT STEAM PRODUCTION May 23, 1978

Mr. L. V. Gossick Executive Director for Operations U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

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

Dear Mr. Gossick:

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Pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR 20.103 (c), Oconee Nuclear Station utilizes two separate means of respiratory protection in certain instances. Both systems are approved by NIOSH criteria (NUREG-0041) ) as required by Regulatory Guide 8.15. Current procedures require, in some situations, that the area of suspected airborne contamination be entered wearing Scott Air Paks and masks, then, a changeover is made to masks connected to air lines and air control valves (Mine Safety Appliance). This procedure increases potential for personnel exposure and requires additional equipment decontamination.

We propose to modify our procedures to allow personnel to disconnect the masks from the 'Air Pak' supply and connect it to the air lines and control valves. Such a procedure has been tested and no problems regarding air supply or connections have been determined.

The Scott mask acts on a "pressure-demand" basis when connected to the mask whereas the Mine Safety Appliance apparatus supply a "continuous-flow" of air (6 CFM, 35-40 psi). The effective combination would result in a continuous-flow respirator through a Scott pressure-demand mask.

Your concurrence is requested that this change will not violate lOCFR Part 20 requirements.

Verz truly yours William O. Parker, Jr. KRW:scs

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