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Oconee Nuclear Station Re:

Unit 1 Docket No. 50-269

Dear Mr. Giambusso:

Please find attached a copy of "Power Distribution Comparison Status Report." This report is in response to Mr. R. C. DeYoung's letter of August 20, 1973 and provides comparisons of the power distributions measured before and after repatching of the control rod drives at 196 effective full power days with Babcock & Wilcox Company's PDQ computer code predictions.

Verx truly yours ~ LD C. Thies ACT:vr

Attachment

OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION UNIT 1

Power Distribution Comparison Status Report

On May 1, 1974, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1, was shut down with a core average burnup of 196 effective full power days (EFPD). During this shutdown, in accordance with design provisions, the control rod assemblies assigned to transient Control Rod Group 7 were reassigned as shown in Figures 1 and 2. These figures present the control rod assembly group configurations for the intervals 91.5-to-196 EFPD and 196-to-310 EFPD, respectively.

A comparison of measured and predicted radial power distributions, representative of the interval prior to the control rod group interchange, is given in Figure 3. It can be seen that the measured and predicted peak radial power factors agree within 3.9 percent. Figure 4 presents a power distribution comparison for a core average burnup of 200 EFPD, <u>i.e.</u>, after the control rod group interchange at 196 EFPD. For this case the difference between the measured and predicted peak radial power factors is less than 3.0 percent. The average absolute percent difference between the measured and predicted radial power factors, for assemblies having radial power factors within five percent of the measured peak radial power factor, is shown as a function of burnup in Figure 5.

The measured core power distributions were obtained using the fixed incore detectors. The location of these detectors is shown in Oconee FSAR Figure 7-18. The measured data were corrected, where possible, by replacing signals from inoperative detectors with values obtained by interpolation or extrapolation of signals from adjacent detectors. As indicated in Figures 3 and 4, however, one detector string was completely inoperative and no measured value is available.

Predicted power distributions were obtained from two-dimensional PDQ thermalhydraulic feedback calculations, using a standard two-zone representation for each fuel assembly in one-quarter core geometry. As can be seen in the attached figures, the measured and predicted core power distributions agree quite well. Particularly, it is apparent that the control rod group interchange at 196 EFPD did not adversely affect the validity of the PDQ predicted core power distributions.

CONTROL ROD GROUP LOCATION (91.5 to 196 EFPD)

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CONTROL ROD GROUP LOCATION (196 to 310 EFPD)

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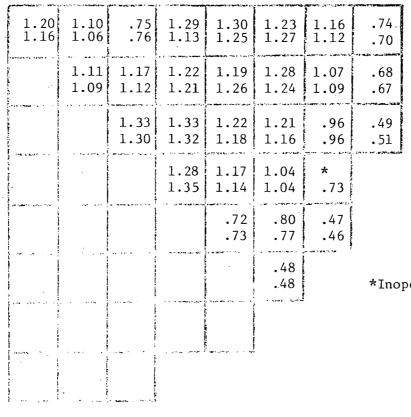
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	Measured	<u>Calculated</u>
Core Average Burnup (EFPD)	196	196
Power Level (%FP)	100	100
Boron Concentration (ppm)	527	527
Control Rod Group Position (%wd)		
Group 1-5	100	100
Group 6	100	100
Group 7	27	27
Group 8	1	37.5

COMPARISON OF MEASURED AND CALCULATED RADIAL CORE POWER DISTRIBUTIONS



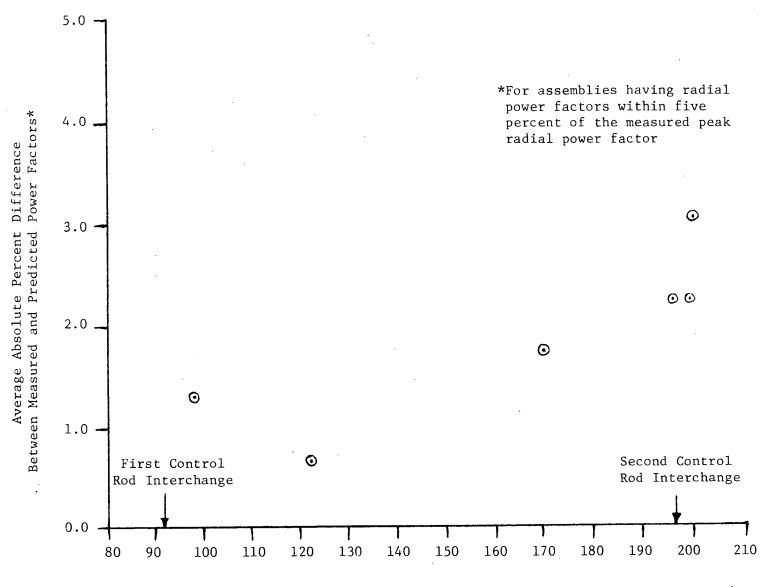
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Measured Calculated (PDQ)

CONDITIONS

	Measured	Calculated
Core Average Burnup (EFPD)	200	200
Power Level (%FP)	99	100
Boron Concentration (ppm)	449	449
Control Rod Group Position (%wd)		
Groups 1-5	100	100
Group 6	90	100
Group 7	16	16
Group 8	4.5	37.5



COMPARISON OF MEASURED AND PREDICTED RADIAL POWER FACTORS

Core Average Burnup - EFPD

Figure 5