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Attention: Mr. R. A. Purple, Chief
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Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Sir:

My letter dated July 9, 1975 described a re-evaluation of the ECCS cooling performance which had been accomplished for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3. The model utilized in the performance of this re-evaluation is described in Babcock and Wilcox (B&W) non-proprietary Topical Report BAW-10104, "B&W's ECCS Evaluation Model". In non-proprietary Topical Report BAW-10103, "ECCS Evaluation of B&W's 177 FA Lowered Loop NSS", a description of the results of the re-evaluation for a generic B&W unit of the Oconee class was presented. This analysis showed that Oconee Units 2 and 3 were conservative in relation to the generic analysis provided in BAW 10103. In the case of Oconee 1, portions of the analysis presented in BAW 10103 were also performed utilizing specific Oconee 1 parameters and was included as attachment 2 to the July 9, 1975 submittal.

In Section 4.6 of BAW 10103 and Section 3.5 of the specific Oconee 1 analysis, the worst single failure postulated is the loss of a diesel, following loss of off-site power, which results in the operation of only one LPI and one HPI pump. The Oconee emergency power system uses two hydro-electric generating units instead of diesels and a single failure of one of these sources will have no effect upon ECCS performance. However, failure of a 4160 volt switchboard could cause the loss of one HPI and one LPI pump, but there is no possibility of a common mode failure which will result in the loss of more than one 4160 volt switchboard. Therefore, although the failure mechanism for the Oconee

units is different from that described in BAW 10103 and the specific Oconee 1 analysis, the worst case single failure still results in the operation of only one HPI and one LPI pump, and the conclusions of the analyses remain valid.

Very truly yours,

William O. Parker, Jr.

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