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October 5, 1970

Dr Peter Morris, Director
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Washington, D C 20545Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
Units 1, 2 & 3
Dockets Nos 50-269-270-287

Dear Dr Morris:

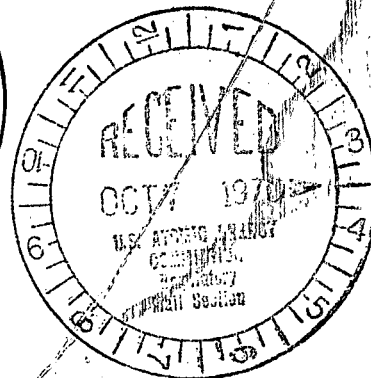
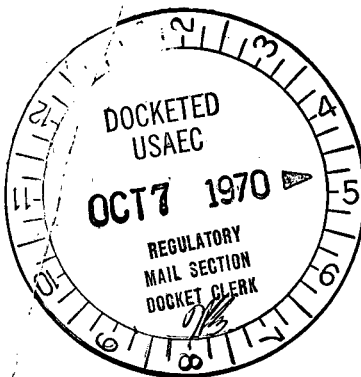
By notice in the Federal Register on July 25, 1970, the Commission indicated that comments on Duke's environmental statement applying to Oconee Nuclear Station had been separately requested from Federal agencies. The Commission's regulations allow 30 days for receipt of those comments, and this letter is to furnish additional information in response to the comments that were received from Federal agencies.

Federal Power Commission - By letter of August 20, 1970 to Dr Seaborg, Chairman Nassikas transmitted the comments of the Federal Power Commission. We agree with those comments, and have been and are continuing to comply with the requirements of our Keowee-Toxaway Project license with respect to the continuing environmental responsibilities of the FPC.

Department of Defense - In their letter of August 25, 1970, the Department of Defense notes that limits of radioactive releases are given in the PSAR, and concludes that there is reasonable assurance that the environment will not be adversely affected. Appropriately conservative limits are also included in Technical Specifications that further assure environmental protection.

Department of Housing and Urban Development - By letter of August 27, 1970, HUD concurred in the environmental consequences of our report and recognized that Duke had coordinated its plans for the project with the planning agencies of two counties. HUD suggested that the environmental report be submitted to the South Carolina Appalachian Regional Planning and Development Commission as the agency having an interest in planning well beyond the local counties.

For brevity, there are many details of our project not discussed in our environmental report. Beginning in 1965, planning of the project was coordinated with the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington as well as with the South



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Carolina Appalachian Advisory Commission in Greenville. We held several meetings with the South Carolina Commission and from time to time furnished them up-to-date information on the project including its expected economic impact in the area. In addition, we submitted a number of the project details to the District Engineer, U S Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston, S C, in connection with his assignment from the Army's Cincinnati office in preparing a comprehensive plan about water resources for submission to the Appalachian Commission at the national level. In summary, our planning of the Keowee-Toxaway Project has been closely coordinated with the appropriate agencies involved in planning work for the Appalachian region.

Department of Health, Education and Welfare - By letter of August 28, 1970, HEW submitted their public health review of the Oconee Nuclear Station. We offer the following information in response to major conclusions in numbered paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 shown on pages 2 and 3 of their report:

1. They suggest that the company commit to use all waste systems in such a way that discharges will be kept as low as practicable. As a matter for inclusion in Technical Specifications, we have committed to use the liquid and gaseous waste handling systems in such a way that quantities of radioactive materials released in combined effluents from the three units will be kept as low as practicable and a very small fraction of the limits of 10CFR20.
3. They suggest that we clearly recognize that the State Health Department is the only agency that can initiate certain actions and that we recognize our commitment to assist this state agency. This relationship and our firm commitment to fully cooperate with the State Health Department is fully recognized in our Emergency Plan developed in cooperation with the State Health Department and other state and local agencies. The details of this Emergency Plan are beyond the intended scope of the environmental statement that we submitted.
4. They suggest that the gaseous discharge limits consider the multiple units, and expressed concern about the leased residence within the site boundary. As indicated in No 1 above, we will operate the waste treatment facilities to limit releases considering the combined effect of all three units. The occupants of the leased residence were the former owners of that home, and the terms of the lease permitted their occupancy except when their removal from the site was in the interest of health and safety as determined by Duke Power. They voluntarily vacated the residence. By Revision 8 to the FSAR (Amendment 16 to Application), at the bottom of page 2-1 dated 7-23-70, we advised that the residence would be removed. Subsequently, the house has been destroyed by fire and will not be replaced.

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We appreciate the opportunity to furnish this additional information. We know of no unresolved environmental problems in connection with our Keowee-Toxaway Project of which Oconee Nuclear Station is an integral part. If comments are subsequently received from any other Federal agency, we urge that they not be permitted to delay the proceedings leading to our operating license inasmuch as all parties have had ample time in which to comment beyond the thirty day period prescribed by Commission regulations.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W S Lee', written in dark ink on a light background.

W S Lee

WSL/s