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Ltr re their 9-12-75 ltr ..... requesting approval for the proposed Tech- Spec change be granted by 12-1-75 concerning Unit 3 Fuel Storage Facility ....

PLANT NAME: Oconee Nuclear Plant #3

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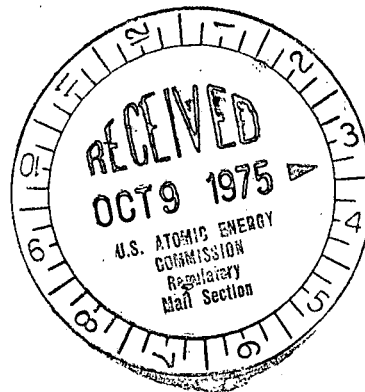
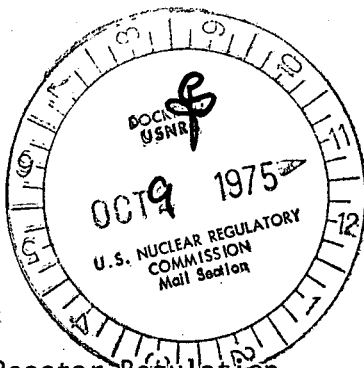
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October 7, 1975



Mr. Benard C. Rusche  
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. R. A. Purple, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #1

Re: Oconee Nuclear Station  
Unit 3  
Docket No. 50-287

Dear Mr. Rusche:

My letter of September 12, 1975, requested an amendment of the Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 3 Facility Operating License. The proposed amendment relates to a modification of the Unit 3 Fuel Storage Facility and a related Technical Specifications change.

The proposed modification involves replacing the existing fuel storage rack with the Combustion Engineering, Incorporated, supplied High Capacity Fuel Assembly Storage Rack and consists of three phases: removal of the existing rack, installation of the new rack, and utilization of the new rack. We have performed an evaluation to determine if the proposed modification involves an unreviewed safety question. The processes of removal of the existing rack (spent fuel has not been stored in Unit 3 spent fuel pool) and the installation of the new rack are determined not to involve any unreviewed safety questions. However, utilization of the new rack may constitute an unreviewed safety question in that the proposed modification involves a change in the effective multiplication factor ( $k$ -effective) of the fuel to be stored from the present value of less than 0.9 to a value of less than 0.95 (meeting the requirement of Criterion 5.7.4.1 in ANSI N18.2-1973). Therefore, if the Commission deems it necessary to declare the proposed license amendment to involve an unreviewed safety question in order to act on Duke's request, it may be treated as such.

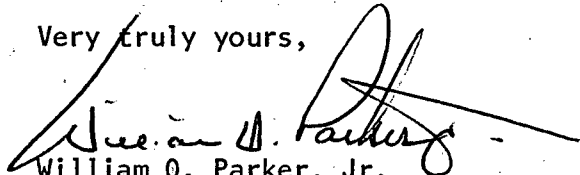
As indicated in my September 12, 1975 letter, this modification is to be effected prior to the Unit 3 refueling, which is scheduled for September, 1976. In order to meet that schedule, we plan to proceed to

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to remove the existing rack beginning December 1, 1975. We request that approval for the proposed Technical Specifications change be granted by December 1, 1975.

Very truly yours,

  
William O. Parker, Jr.

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