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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy)
Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS), Units 1, 2, and 3.
Docket Numbers 50-269, 50-270 and 50-287
Renewed License Numbers DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-50

Subject: Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI) regarding Relief Request
ON-GRR-01 (CAC NOS. MF7130, MF7131, and MF7132)

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(z)(2), Duke Energy submitted Relief Request ON-GRR-01 on November 23, 2015, requesting that NRC grant relief from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants (ASME OM Code) for Oconee to utilize alternate frequencies as specified in Code Case OMN-20. The NRC submitted a Request for Additional Information on January 8, 2016 regarding this Relief Request. The Duke Energy response to the RAI question is attached as an enclosure to this letter.

There are no regulatory commitments associated with this letter.

If there are any questions, or further information is needed, you may contact David Haile at (864) 873-4742,

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Oconee Nuclear Station, Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI), Regarding Relief Request ON-GRR-001 Grace Period for OM Code Frequencies (Code Case OMN-20)

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**Oconee Nuclear Station Response to
Request for Additional Information (RAI) Regarding Relief Request ON-GRR-001,
Grace Period for OM Code Frequencies (Code Case OMN-20)**

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Please provide a list of any applicable adopted ASME OM Code Cases and/or Code Cases that might be used during the Fifth 10-year interval that will make use of ASME OM Code Case OMN-20.

Duke reply:

A review of the Fifth-10-year Interval IST plan for ONS did not identify any Code Cases that are currently being used. However, ONS considers that test frequencies contained in Code Cases are subject to the alternative described in this relief request (i.e., the grace allowed by OMN-20 is applicable to frequencies in Code Cases). If a Code Case is utilized in the ONS IST plan, this relief request would be applicable to the pertinent frequencies in that Code Case.