Docket Nos. 50-269 50-270 50-287

Duke Power Company ATTN: Mr. Hal B. Tucker, Vice President Nuclear Production P.O. Box 33189 422 South Church Street Charlotte, NC 28242

Gentlemen:

By application dated September 22, 1989, you requested a partial exemption from the FY 1989 annual fees of 10 CFR 171 for the Oconee 1, 2 and 3 reactors. You requested that a portion of fees already paid be refunded because you had been charged for research which had not been performed.

As you are aware, Part 171 user fees are assessed on the basis of budgeted costs, not actual obligations. Since it is expected that there will be some deviations between the funds budgeted for a specific activity and those actually obligated, exemptions will rarely be granted. However, in unusual situations where there is a very significant variation between the budgeted obligations and the actual obligations, an exemption may be considered.

We have completed our review of the exemption request filed by your attorneys. Based on the fact that very significant budgeted costs for two B&W research-related activities, namely, "Prevent Reactor Core Damage - Plant Performance - B&W Testing" and "Reactor Accident Risk Analysis - Assessment of Plant Risks," were not totally obligated for these specific activities in FY 1989, but rather were expended for other activities relating to all power reactors, we have determined that a partial exemption is appropriate. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 171.11, a partial exemption is hereby granted for the Oconee 1, 2 and 3 reactors. The annual fee for each unit is reduced from the FY 1989 rate of \$1,592,000 to \$1,320,000; accordingly, appropriate refunds will be sent to you shortly. Enclosed is a document showing how the refund for each unit has been calculated.

If there are questions regarding these exemptions, please contact Mr. Lee Hiller, Deputy Controller, on 301-492-7351.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
James M. Taylor
Acting Executive Director
for Operations

Enclosure: Refund Calculation

See attached for distribution.

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COMPUTATION OF PROPOSED ADJUSTED ANNUAL FEE TO BE ASSESSED FOR EIGHT BABCOCK AND WILCOX (B&W) REACTORS FY 1989 BUDGET

Part 171 Work by Research	PTS	FTE
Original Budget Base		
Nuclear Steam Supply System - Large Dry Containment (B&W only)		
 Prevent Reactor Core Damage - Plant Performance - B&W Testing 	\$3,500,000	1.8
 Reactor Accident Risk Analysis - Assessment of Plant Risk 	475,000	.7
Subtotal 2.5 FTE x \$150,900/FTE =	\$3,975,000 377,000	2.5
Total Costs Total B&W Reactors	$\frac{$4,352,000}{8} =$	\$544,000 per reactor
Revised Budget Base (Sums Obligated)		
 Prevent Reactor Core Damage - Plant Performance - B&W Testing 	\$1,309,000	1.6
 Reactor Accident Risk Analysis - Assessment of Plant Risks 	-0-	-0-
Subtotal 1.6 FTE x \$150,900/FTE =	\$1,309,000 241,000	1.6
Subtotal Revised Costs	\$1,550,000	
Recap		
\$4,352,000 Original Costs 1,550,000 Revised Costs		
\$2,802,000 Costs Applicable to All Plants Reactors		
= \$26,400 x 8 B&W Reactors =	211,000	
Total B&W Revised Costs Total B&W Reactors	$\frac{\$1,761,000}{8} =$	\$220,000 per reactor

 $$544,000 - $220,000 = $324,000 \times .84(M Factor) = $272,000 Amount of Each Refund$