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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Proposed Technical Specification 2.3 Revision
Reactor Coolant Pump Monitors Setpoint

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50, 50.90, please find attached (Attachment 1) a proposed amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) Facility Operating Licenses and revisions to the ONS Technical Specifications (TSs). The proposed amendment would revise TS 2.3 to establish Reactor Protective System (RPS) trip setpoint for the Reactor Coolant Pump monitors.

The proposed amendment includes two changes:

- o A revision to TS 2.3 which would require pump monitors to produce a reactor trip when a loss of two pumps occurs and the reactor is at power operation greater than 2.0% full power instead of the current requirement which is at power levels greater than 0.0% of rated power.
- o Table 2.3-1 is revised accordingly to require a pump monitor trip setpoint at power operation greater than 2.0% full power and loss of two reactor coolant pumps.

This proposed amendment is prompted due to a recent event (See LER 269/90-06 dated May 30, 1990) in which the pump monitor trip function generated a trip signal during the cooldown following Unit 1 End-of-Cycle 12. A reactor trip occurred when two pumps were operating and the reactor was subcritical. The trip appears to have been caused by electrical noise which resulted in indicated reactor power which exceeded the current 0.0% Full Power setpoint. This amendment would revise the pump monitor trip function setpoint in order to avoid future spurious reactor trips during cooldowns with two pumps operating.

I have determined the attached proposed amendment involves no significant hazards considerations. Attachments 2 and 3 provide the supporting

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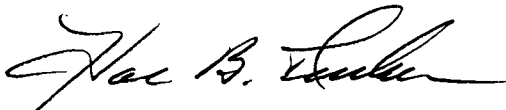
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technical justification and the No Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation, respectively. I am forwarding a copy of this application to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for review and, as appropriate, subsequent consultation with the staff.

Also, please note that this proposed amendment was originally submitted by my letter of July 9, 1990 inadvertently without appropriate notarization. This letter is intended to supersede my letter of July 9, 1990.

I respectfully request your review and approval of this proposed amendment prior to the upcoming refueling outage for Unit 2, currently scheduled to begin on September 6, 1990. This will enable us to implement the new pump monitor setpoint prior to the unit shutdown.

Very truly yours,



Hal B. Tucker

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Attachments

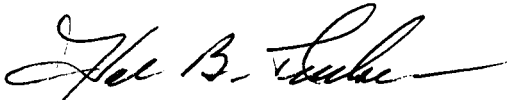
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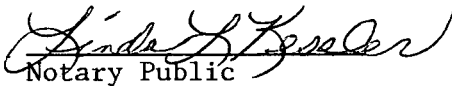
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Hal B. Tucker, being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Power Company, that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



Hal B. Tucker, Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of July, 1990.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

May 7, 1994

