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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287 Proposed SSF Technical Specifications

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50, 50.90 on July 26, 1985 Duke Power Company submitted a proposed amendment to the Oconee Facility Operating License and revision to the Oconee Technical Specifications. The proposal consisted of changes to require operability of the Oconee Standby Shutdown Facility (SSF) and was supplemented by letters dated August 14, 1987, August 12, 1988, August 21, 1990, and March 24, 1992. The following justification is provided to supplement previous submittals for Specification 3.18.8:

This section of the specification allows the heatup of a unit above 250° F, permission to remain critical, or to restart, if the SSF or any of its major subsystems is in a degraded mode or a special inoperability period allowed by other portions of the specification. This is acceptable primarily due to the low probability of occurrance of SSF related events. Additionally, once the SSF is in a degraded mode, it usually affects all three units. A unit heating up above 250° F places few additional requirements on the SSF beyond those already required for the operating units. Finally, similar provisions (ie. LCO 3.0.4 exceptions) exist in the remote shutdown Technical Specifications for many other plants.

Attachment 1 provides a reformatted copy of pages 4.20-3 and 4.20-4 from the March 24, 1992 supplement.

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