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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station  
Docket Numbers 50-269, -270, and -287  
Technical Specification Revision to Implement Revised 10  
CFR 50 Appendix J

Attached is a proposed change to Oconee Nuclear Station's Technical Specifications, to implement the performance-based containment leak rate testing (CLRT) requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, Option B. Note that the proposed change incorporates only the provisions of Option B that apply to Type A (containment) testing. Changes to implement the Type B and C testing provisions of Option B will be considered separately.

The proposed (mark-up) changes to Technical Specifications are included in Attachment I, as well as new original pages. A description of the changes and their Technical Justification are provided in Attachment II. Attachment III contains an analysis which supports a finding of No Significant Hazards and an environmental assessment.

This proposed change, which is applicable to Units 1, 2, and 3 of Oconee Nuclear Station, has been reviewed and approved by the Plant Operations Review Committee and the corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

It is requested that this proposed change be approved by October 1, 1996, to obviate the need to perform a CLRT during the upcoming Unit 3 refueling outage, scheduled to begin November 1, 1996. Based on previous CLRT results, Unit 3 meets the criterion (two consecutive successful tests) of 10CFR50, Appendix J, Option B, to change the test frequency to once every 10 years. If this amendment is approved, a CLRT would not be required during this refueling outage.

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This change is considered to be a Cost Beneficial Licensing Action, in that it is expected to save about \$600,000 per averted CLRT.

By copy of this letter, the State of South Carolina has been notified of this amendment change request.

If any additional information is required, please call Scott Gewehr at (704) 382-7581.

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M. S. Tuckman, being duly sworn, states that he is Senior 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 Facility Operating Licenses of the Oconee Nuclear Station; and that all the statements and matter set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

M. S. Tuckman

M. S. Tuckman, Senior Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of August,  
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