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requesting to eliminate reference to Nuclear Instrumentation
Intermediate Range Channels.

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SUBJECT: Duke Power Company
Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, 270, 287
Proposed Amendment to Technical Specifications
Related to Safety Instrumentation and Accident
Monitoring Instrumentation (TSC 96-11)

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, Attachment 1 provides a proposed amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station Facility Operating License and Technical Specifications (TS). Attachment 2 provides a marked copy of the current Technical Specifications.

The proposed amendment revises several Technical Specifications and associated Bases to eliminate reference to Nuclear Instrumentation (NI) Intermediate Range Channels.

In order to comply with Regulatory Guide 1.97, Oconee now has replaced the existing nuclear instrumentation with an enhanced wide range NI system that provides continuous coverage from Source Range to above the Power Range. Therefore, the purpose of this proposed Technical Specifications amendment is to delete references to the former Oconee NI configuration and revise the number of available channels and minimum operable channels to be consistent with the new system.

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The proposed amendment also changes the TS Table to add Wide Range Nuclear Instrumentation to the required list of accident monitoring instrumentation. This proposed change is also being made in order to comply with Regulatory Guide 1.97.

Attachment 3 provides the Technical Justification for this proposed amendment. Attachment 4 documents that the proposed amendment contains No Significant Hazards Considerations. The Environmental Impact analysis is provided in Attachment 5.

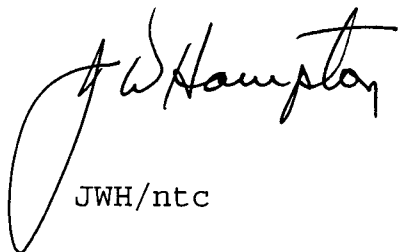
Implementation of this proposed Technical Specifications amendment will not impact the Oconee UFSAR. The Oconee UFSAR has already been revised to reflect the modifications made to the nuclear instrumentation.

This proposed amendment has been reviewed and approved by the Oconee Plant Operations Review Committee and the Duke Nuclear Safety Review Board.

A copy of this proposed amendment is being sent to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for review, and as deemed necessary and appropriate, subsequent consultation with the NRC Staff.

A 30 day grace period following NRC approval is requested for implementation of this Technical Specification change.

Very truly yours,



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- Attachment 1: Proposed Amendment to Oconee Technical Specifications
- Attachment 2: Marked Copy of Current Oconee Technical Specifications
- Attachment 3: Technical Justification
- Attachment 4: No Significant Hazards Considerations
- Attachment 5: Environmental Impact Analysis

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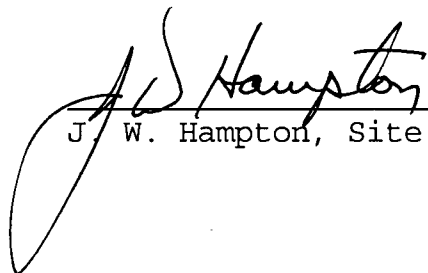
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J. W. Hampton, Site Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to me February 5, 1997
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