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Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications
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In a letter dated February 15, 1996, Duke Power submitted a proposed amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) Facility Operating Licenses and revisions to the ONS Technical Specifications. The proposed amendment adds operability requirements to Technical Specification 3.7 for the Keowee Hydro units during periods of commercial power generation. In addition, two surveillances are added to Technical Specification 4.6. The first surveillance addresses periodic testing of the circuitry that was added by the modification approved in the NRC's SER dated August 15, 1995. Also, a load rejection surveillance is added to ensure that the response of the Keowee Hydro units is bounded by the design criteria used to develop the Keowee operating restrictions.

Based upon discussions with the NRC staff, Duke Power is including an additional sentence in the Bases section of the Technical Specification amendment. The additional sentence indicates that changes to the Keowee operating restrictions would be performed in accordance with 10 CFR 50.59, which would include an evaluation to determine if any unreviewed safety questions exist.

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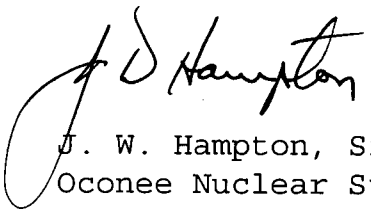
The Keowee operating restrictions are contained in the Oconee Selected Licensee Commitment (SLC) manual. Any changes to the SLC manual must be performed in accordance with 10 CFR 50.59. The placement of the sentence in the Bases section of the Technical Specifications explicitly acknowledges this process.

Attachment 1 of this submittal contains the page that was revised to include the additional sentence in the Technical Specification Bases. Attachment 2 contains a markup of the original submittal page to indicate addition of the sentence.

This revision to the previous submittal does not impact the original No Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation or the Environmental Impact Analysis.

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