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Proposed Amendment to the Reactor Building
Structural Integrity Technical Specifications
Response to Request for Additional Information

In letters dated October 30, 1996, and April 22, 1997, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted a proposed amendment to the Oconee Technical Specifications which addresses the structural integrity of the reactor buildings. In a letter dated July 30, 1996, Duke committed to perform a re-analysis of the reactor building structure to establish more accurate minimum required values (MRVs) and prescribed lower limits (PLLs) for the Reactor Building Post-Tensioning System.

Per phone conversations with the NRC staff, Duke agrees that MRV and PLL values should be specified by procedures prior to implementation of the proposed Structural Integrity Technical Specification Amendment. To assure that the newly established MRV and PLL limits are available prior to implementation of the proposed technical specification, Duke commits to place these MRVs and PLLs in the Oconee Selected Licensee Commitment (SLC) Manual. This SLC revision will be in place prior to performing the Unit 1 7th Reactor Building Post-Tensioning System surveillance, scheduled for the Unit 1 End-of-cycle (EOC) 17 refueling outage (RFO).

The Oconee SLC Manual is Chapter 16 of the Oconee UFSAR. Therefore, any changes to the Oconee SLC Manual are controlled under the requirements of 10CFR50.59.

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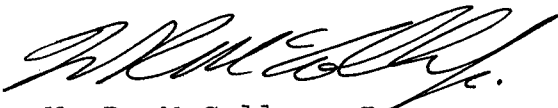


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Duke requests expeditious NRC review and approval of this proposed amendment so that it can be implemented during the next scheduled Reactor Building Post-Tensioning System surveillance, which is planned for the Unit 1 EOC 17 RFO. The Unit 1 EOC 17 RFO is currently scheduled to begin on approximately September 20, 1997.

If there are any further questions regarding this matter, please call David Nix at (864) 885-3634.

Very truly yours,



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