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Proposed Amendment to the Reactor Building
Structural Integrity Technical Specifications
Supplemental 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. During further review of this proposed amendment, Duke has identified two necessary corrections. One of these corrections is to appropriately revise an overly conservative and impractical Unit 1 start date for the tendon surveillance intervals. The other correction is to revise Specification 4.4.2.2.a.2 to ensure that it is consistent with Regulatory Guide 1.35, Revision 3.

Attachment 1 contains the revised new pages 4.4-14 and 4.4-15. Attachment 2 contains a mark-up of the previous pages to identify the minor changes. Attachment 3 contains the technical justification for these changes. The previously submitted no significant hazards evaluation and environmental impacts statement are not affected by these minor changes.

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.

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