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SUBJECT: Supplemental application for amends to licenses DPR-38, DPR-47 & DPR-55, respectively. Amends change TS Sections 3.7 & 4.6 reformatting sections into single section arranged similar to B&W STS.

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Technical Specification 3.7 Amendment  
Request Supplement  
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In a submittal dated March 11, 1993, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) proposed changes to Oconee's electrical Technical Specifications, Sections 3.7 and 4.6. These changes will reformat the sections into a single section which is arranged similar to the Babcock and Wilcox (B&W) Standard Technical Specifications. In addition, several technical changes to the electrical Technical Specifications were included in the proposed amendment.

During the review of this amendment, the NRC had several questions which were listed in a letter to Duke dated September 29, 1993. In order to resolve the questions, a meeting was held on October 7, 1993. Written responses to these questions were provided in Duke letters dated November 29, 1993, and December 6, 1993. In addition, the need to supplement the original Technical Specification amendment request was identified during the October meeting.

Following the NRC's review of the written responses, several items were identified as needing further clarification. The NRC discussed these items with Duke during the fourth quarter of 1994. Also, additional issues were identified by the NRC reviewers in the first quarter of 1995. A conference call was conducted between the NRC and Duke on March 8, 1995, to discuss the open

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issues and provide additional clarification of earlier responses. The written response to the issues which were discussed during the March 8, 1995, conference call was provided to the NRC in a letter dated October 3, 1995.

In addition to the responses contained in the correspondence associated with the proposed Technical Specification amendment, Duke committed to change the Oconee electrical Technical Specifications in response to the NRC's draft reports on the Oconee emergency power system. The associated commitments are contained in the Duke letter dated October 31, 1996.

In a letter dated February 27, 1997, Duke supplemented the Technical Specification 3.7 amendment request. The supplement addressed all previous commitments that Duke had made in regards to the associated amendment request.

After further discussions with the NRC and internal reviews by Duke, additional changes to the Technical Specification 3.7 amendment request have been identified. The majority of the changes which are contained in this supplement are the result of Duke's review during the conversion of the current Technical Specifications to the Standard Technical Specifications. These changes are necessary to make the amendment request adhere to the Standard Technical Specification Writers Guide and associated NUREG.

In Attachment 1, this letter provides supplemental information to the previous Technical Specification amendment request. The markup of the previous Technical Specification amendment request is contained in Attachment 2. Attachment 3 provides the technical justification for the changes that are outlined in this supplement.

This supplement does not modify the original Environmental Impact Analysis or No Significant Hazards Consideration dated August 26, 1993. In addition, this supplement to the proposed Technical Specification amendment has been reviewed and approved by the Plant Operations Review Committee and the Nuclear Safety Review Board. This Technical Specification supplement does not revise the Oconee Updated Final Safety Analysis Report.

Duke is reviewing the activities that are required to implement the Technical Specification 3.7 amendment. Currently, this review indicates that a 6 month grace period is necessary for the implementation of this amendment.

If there are any additional questions, please contact Michael Bailey at (864) 885-4390.

Very Truly Yours,



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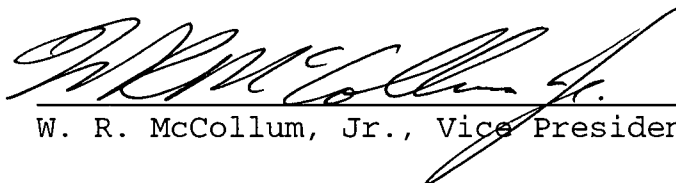
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W. R. McCollum, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation, that he is authorized on the part of said Corporation to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

  
W. R. McCollum, Jr., Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1997.

  
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