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Oconee Nuclear Station Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287 Corrective Action for October 19, 1992 Loss of Offsite Power EDSFI Findings (Inspection Report 50-269,-270, -287/93-02) Inspection Report 50-269, -270, -287/94-21

In a Safety Evaluation Report (SER) dated August 15, 1995, the NRC approved the design of the modification which would correct the problems that were identified in LERs 269/92-16 and 269/93-01. The previously docketed completion date for the implementation of the modification was 30 days following NRC approval of the modification. Implementation of the approved modification began shortly after receipt of the NRC SER. During the installation of the overhead portion of the modification, work delays resulted in the entry into Technical Specification 3.7.3 which requires that all three Oconee units be placed in hot shutdown within 12 hours. On August 31, 1995, a request for Notice of Enforcement Discretion (NOED) was requested to allow 24 hours to complete the unit shutdowns. Unit shutdown commenced on Oconee Unit 3 while restoration work continued on the overhead power path. The overhead power path was restored to an operable status prior to the completion of the shutdown on Oconee Unit 3. Technical Specification 3.7.3 was exited and the shutdown of the Oconee units was terminated. During this evolution, no Technical Specifications were violated.

Following the restoration of the overhead power path, a thorough investigation of the modification evolution was performed to identify the root cause of delays which resulted in the request for a NOED. The results of the investigation and the planned corrective actions will be discussed in a management meeting with Region II on September 14, 1995. The implementation of the modification has been delayed to incorporate the results of the investigation. Therefore, the modification will not be completed within the commitment date of 30 days following NRC approval of the modification.



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An implementation team has been assembled to evaluate the remaining work activities and the implementation schedule. The following NRC commitments are impacted by the extension of the modification completion date.

In a letter dated April 29, 1993, Duke Power made a commitment to correct the Keowee zone overlap single failure vulnerability. Currently, administrative controls prohibit the single failure. The original completion date for this commitment was 12/31/94. This is the third extension of this commitment date.

The response dated July 6, 1993 to the findings in Inspection Report 50-269,-270,-287/93-02 included a commitment (Finding 2F) which involves the review of frequency effects on the Keowee auxiliary loads. Currently, the effects of overfrequency are prevented by administrative methods. This is the fourth extension of the original commitment date of March 30, 1994.

In a letter dated September 23, 1994, Duke Power submitted a response to a Notice of Violation from Inspection Report No. 50-269,-270,-287/94-21. This response indicated that a modification of the logic associated with the ACB's air support system would be completed during innage 61 (11/94 - 5/95). In addition, the violation response committed to the issuance of a flow diagram on the ACB air system with the modification for the ACB air system logic. This is the second extension for these commitments.

Once the schedule is developed by the implementation team, a completion date will be provided to the NRC for the commitments described above. If there are any questions, please contact Michael Bailey at (803) 885-4390.

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