

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Duke Power Company
Oconee Unit 3

Docket No. 50-287
License No. DPR-55

During the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on March 23 - April 27, 1991 a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1990), the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 6.4.1 requires that the station be operated and maintained in accordance with approved procedures. Procedure OP/3/A/1102/10, Controlling Procedure for Unit Startup, Enclosure 4.5, Preheat Reactor Building Startup Valve Checklist, requires valves 3LPSW-563 and 3LPSW-564 to be shut prior to reaching Reactor Coolant System temperatures and pressures of 250 degrees fahrenheit and 330 psig respectively.

Contrary to the above, Unit 3 was not operated and maintained in accordance with approved procedures in that, on April 12, 1991, valves 3LPSW-563 and 3LPSW-564 were found open. They had been open since March 24, 1991, to meet existing plant conditions at that time but were not shut when a new startup procedure was initiated.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I) and applies to Unit 3 only.

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Duke Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice of Violation (Notice), within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice. This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
this 7th day of May 1991

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