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EA 92-117

Duke Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/92-14, 50-270/92-14 AND
50-287/92-14)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. P. E. Harmon during the period May 24 - June 19, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Oconee facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the report. The report documenting this inspection was sent to you by letter dated June 29, 1992.

NRC concerns relative to the inspection findings were also discussed in an enforcement conference held on July 17, 1992, in the Region II office, Atlanta, GA. A list of attendees and a copy of your presentation materials are enclosed.

Based on our evaluation of this inspection and the information provided at the enforcement conference, certain activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violations have been categorized at Severity Level IV because of the low safety significance of this event, and the fact that operators retained the ability to manually operate the affected Emergency Feedwater train from the control room, and because of the availability of other sources of feedwater. These violations are nevertheless of concern because they indicate weaknesses in your post trip review and event followup processes, especially since these problems were identified by the NRC resident inspector and not your staff. Because an inadequate post trip review was performed, the "A" train of the Emergency Feedwater System was inoperable and went undetected during plant startup and operation.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent

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recurrence. In particular, you should describe those actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your oversight of the post trip review process and the process for evaluating past system operability upon identification of equipment failures. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Jon R. Johnson, Acting Director
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. List of Attendees
3. July 17, 1992, Enforcement Conference Handout

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