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SUBJECT: Lists reasons for decision to begin refueling outage on 841005 instead of 841012 as previously noted in util 840911 ltr. Earlier outage date will assure max electrical output during colden winter months.

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Attention: Mr. John F. Stolz, Chief
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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Sir:

By my letter dated November 6, 1984, Duke requested that the Commission proceed to make a final No Significant Hazards Consideration and to approve our proposed Oconee 1, Cycle 9 Reload Amendment request by November 16, 1984. The Oconee 1, Cycle 9 reload amendment was submitted for NRC review and approval by my September 11, 1984 letter. Currently, the scheduled criticality date for Oconee 1, Cycle 9 is November 24, 1984.

Within the September 11th letter, Duke had advised the NRC that Oconee 1 was scheduled to be shutdown for Refueling on October 8, 1984. However, as indicated in the November 6th letter, Oconee 1 was shutdown on October 5, 1984.

Originally, the refueling outage was scheduled to begin on October 12, 1984. However, the October 8th date was referred to within the September 11th letter since this was the date that the nominal cycle length would fall, based on a 100% capacity factor.

The decision to begin the Oconee 1 refueling outage on October 5th was based on the following considerations:

- 1) In order to assure the maximum electrical output from the Oconee Nuclear Station during the colder winter months, an earlier shutdown date was desirable.
- 2) The planned outage duration for Oconee 1 was 49 days. The McGuire Nuclear Station Unit 1 was scheduled to begin a maintenance outage on November 24, 1984. In order to avoid having these two outages overlap, an October 5th shutdown date for Oconee 1 was chosen.

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