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SUBJECT: Advises that due to delay in issuance of B&W Owners Group
 QA guidance ltr, final design info on diverse scram sys/ATWS
 mitigation sys actuation circuitry sys will be submitted 60
 days after review of design basis document.

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

Dear Sir:

The final ATWS rule, 10 CFR 50.62, provided by GL 85-06 dated April 16, 1985 requires that each licensee develop and submit a proposed schedule for meeting the requirements of the rule within 180 days after the issuance of the QA guidance. Section 50.62(d) of the rule also requires the submittal of a justification if the schedule calls for final implementation later than the second refueling outage after July 26, 1984. The currently projected time frame which corresponds to this particular outage at Oconee Nuclear Station is February 1986 on Unit 1, October 1986 on Unit 2 and January 1987 on Unit 3.

Duke Power Company (Duke) as an active member of the Babcock & Wilcox Owners Group (B&WOG) is participating in the development of B&WOG Diverse Scram System (DSS) and ATWS Mitigation System Actuation Circuitry (AMSAC) design basis document. Because of the delay in the issuance of the QA guidance letter, the B&WOG was not able to finalize the design basis document for DSS/AMSAC until recently. This document is scheduled to be submitted to the NRC by the B&WOG in October 1985. Duke intends to submit the final design information on the Oconee DSS/AMSAC system within 60 days following the staff review of the B&WOG ATWS design basis document.

Duke does not consider possible the implementation of a system within the time frame required by the rule due to delayed issuance of the generic QA guidance and the large number of modifications already allocated during these outages. It is, therefore, proposed to implement the ATWS modifications by the third refueling outage after July 26, 1984. This coincides with the outages at Oconee in July 1987, March 1988 and August 1988 for Units 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

The proposed schedule, however, is based on a prompt staff review of the B&WOG ATWS design basis document and the subsequent review of the final design information on the Oconee DSS/AMSAC system by April 1, 1985. Such

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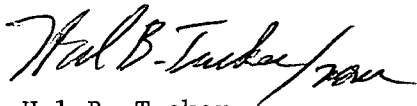
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a schedule would permit Duke to develop the final design and implementation in an orderly manner. Duke requests NRC concurrence to this proposed schedule.

Very truly yours,



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