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By a letter dated October 6, 1989, I was advised by the NRC Staff that the proposed implementation schedule to install the ATWS modifications into Unit 1 was unacceptable. The NRC Staff requested that I commit to installing the ATWS modifications in Oconee Unit 1 during an outage of sufficient length which may occur prior to the scheduled August, 1991 refueling outage (End-of-Cycle 13 refueling outage) but after completion of the ATWS implementation in Oconee Unit 2.

For the reasons that follow, I commit to install the ATWS modifications in Oconee Unit 1 during a outage of sufficient length occurring after May 1, 1991. The reasons why we cannot commit to begin any earlier are as follows:

- o The lessons learned during the implementation phase of the Unit 2 ATWS modification must be properly assessed and incorporated into both the Unit 1 and Unit 3 design process. The Unit 2 End-of-Cycle 11 refueling outage is currently scheduled to end December 1990. Approximately two additional months will be required to review and incorporate into the Unit 1 and 3 design process our experience and any problems that may be encountered.
- o The additional acceleration should not adversely impact the Unit 3 design process. The initial proposed schedule was accelerated to allow for the implementation of the ATWS modification in Unit 2 at an earlier refueling outage. Initially, I had proposed to implement the modification during the Unit 2 End-of-Cycle 12 refueling outage. By my May 15, 1989 letter, I had committed to accelerate Unit 2's implementation schedule so that the ATWS modification would be implemented during the Unit 2 End-of-Cycle 11 refueling outage. This acceleration impacted our design resources required to develop the final design package to be sent to the field for implementation. The development of the final design packages for both Unit 1 and Unit 3 are currently overlapping. Further significant revisions to the implementation schedule can adversely impact design resources required for both the Unit 3 design process and design support for the Unit 3 refueling outage (through March, 1991).

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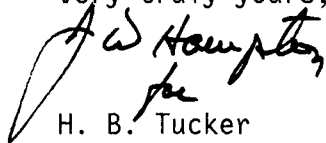
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- o The implementation of the ATWS modification for Unit 1 should not be adversely impacted by the Unit 3 refueling outage. The implementation of the ATWS modification for Unit 3 is scheduled for the End-of-Cycle 12 refueling outage (about March 1991). The anticipated duration of this outage is 45 days, thus the outage is scheduled to end late April 1991. The implementation of the ATWS modification for Unit 1 during the Unit 3 refueling outage can adversely impact available station resources to effectively install the ATWS modification on both Units 1 and 3 simultaneously.

Accordingly, the ATWS modification for Unit 1 will be implemented during an outage of sufficient length which may occur after May 1, 1991. If the NRC Staff desires additional acceleration beyond what has been provided by this letter, I request that staff provide a detailed basis and justification for the request.

Very truly yours,



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