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EDSFI Findings (Inspection Report 50-269,-270,  
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In the electrical distribution system functional inspection (EDSFI), the NRC identified testing weaknesses associated with the Keowee air circuit breaker (ACB) check valves. One example of the testing weaknesses was that the ACB check valves were not included in the active valve list which is used to determine IST testing requirements. This weakness was listed as an example in Finding number 6 of Inspection Report 50-269, -270, -287/93-02.

In a letter dated July 6, 1993, Duke responded to the findings from the EDSFI report. This submittal indicated that the check valves did not need to be included in the IST program. This was based on the fact that the Keowee ACBs would be replaced with a new breaker that would not need an air support system or check valve. This Duke submittal stated that the modification was scheduled for completion during the third quarter of 1994.

As part of the modification process, an evaluation of the options for replacement or refurbishment of the ACBs was initiated. This evaluation resulted in the delay of the modification completion date. The NRC was notified of this delay in a letter dated November 1, 1994. The November 1, 1994 Duke letter stated that the results of the evaluation would be communicated to the NRC by November 1, 1995.

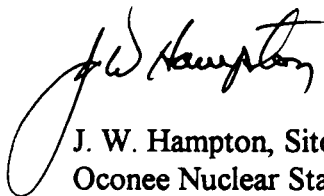
While the evaluation was being performed, an unrelated problem occurred on the ACB air system. This problem is described in detail in NRC inspection report 50-269, -270, -287/94-21. A Notice of Violation was issued in this inspection report as a result of the problem. In the violation reply, Duke Power committed to perform maintenance on the associated ACB air support system with safety-related procedures. In addition, a commitment was made to add the ACB air support system to NSD-307 (Quality Standards Manual). The addition of the ACB air support system to NSD-307 requires that maintenance on the air support system be performed using safety related procedures. As a result of enhancing the maintenance procedures for the associated ACB air support system, the ACB check valves were included in the IST program.

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Since the testing of the ACB check valves has been enhanced by inclusion in the IST program, the commitment to evaluate replacement or refurbishment of the ACBs is not necessary.

Very Truly Yours,



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