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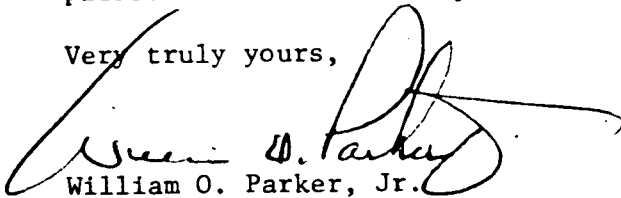
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

With regard to your letter of April 17, 1979 which transmitted IE Bulletin 79-09, please find attached responses to the action items for Oconee Nuclear Station.

Very truly yours,



William O. Parker, Jr.

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Attachment

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DUKE POWER COMPANY
OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION
RESPONSE TO IE BULLETIN 79-09

Oconee Nuclear Station utilizes General Electric (GE) type AK-2/2A breakers in safety-related systems. Two are used as Control Rod Drive (CRD) AC primary trip breakers, and four are used in the CRD DC holding power supplies for each unit.

In response to concerns expressed by Duke Power Company, on February 15, 1979 GE representatives initiated an examination of the breakers in use at Oconee. Recommendations resulting from that examination, as well as those included in the GE Service Alert Letter of April 2, 1979, had been previously incorporated into the maintenance program for these breakers. The preventive maintenance will be performed at a minimum frequency of twice yearly by qualified personnel in accordance with the guidelines established by the GE power circuit breaker instruction manual. These persons have the added benefit of having been involved in the GE investigation of the breakers at Oconee. Preventive maintenance plans were completed May 11, 1979.