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Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
U. S. NRC IE Bulletin 80-11
Docket Nos 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Items 1, 2(a) and 3 of the above referenced Bulletin have been answered on July 7, 1980 (60-day response). The response to item 2(b) is required to be submitted within 180 days of the Bulletin issue date of May 8, 1980 i.e. by November 8, 1980. On November 8, 1980, Duke Power will submit responses to the following two items: 2(b)i and 2(b)ii.

The Bulletin's Item No. 2(b)iii will be partially answered by November 8, 1980. The response to Item 2(b)iii of the Bulletin will include the criteria for reevaluation of masonry walls, a complete update of the reevaluation activities as of November 8, 1980. The final reevaluation report and the criteria justifications will be completed and submitted by end of December, 1981. Duke Power respectfully requests an extension of the Bulletin schedule requirements to accommodate this submittal date. The schedule extension is necessary to complete the complex stress analysis of the large number of walls that are to be addressed for the three (3) units of Oconee Nuclear Station.

Duke Power has mobilized a large number of structural engineers who are working continuously on an overtime basis, to finalize the total required reevaluation. Duke Power has aggressively recruited qualified personnel to augment our engineering staff and provide an expeditious completion schedule. A serious shortage of this type of engineer has developed in the industry which has hampered the recruitment effort. Duke Power continues to pour extensive financial and manpower resources into fully complying with the Bulletin requirements and completing the work as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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