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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Reference: Oconee Nuclear Station  
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Beginning in December 1977, there have been several incidents associated with Keowee Hydro Unit 2 failure to start due to problems associated with the Field Flashing Breaker. As has been noted in previous reports, Keowee 2 has been operated successfully on many occasions, approximately 500 since December 1977, and on those occasions, where the Field Flashing Breaker did not operate, subsequent operation has been successful.

Recently, three more failures of the Field Flashing Breaker to close occurred. Pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.6.2 of the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specifications, please find attached Reportable Occurrence Report ~~RO-269/78-14~~. Additionally, please find attached a summary of Duke Power Company's investigation into this recurring incident and planned future actions.

Very truly yours,

*William O. Parker, Jr.*  
William O. Parker, Jr. *By [Signature]*

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Attachment

cc: Director, Office of Management Information  
and Program Control

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