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Mr. Norman C. Moseley, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Suite 818
230 Peachtree Street, Northwest
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Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

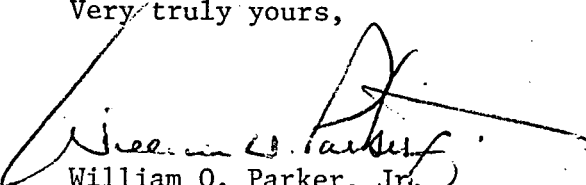
Dear Mr. Moseley:

On November 2, 1976, while conducting the monthly bulk chemical inventory, it was determined that the yearly discharge limit for sulfuric acid, as given in Table 1.2-1 of the Oconee Appendix B Technical Specifications, had been exceeded. Table 1.2-1 specifies a limiting quantity of 150,500 pounds of sulfuric acid to be used per year at Oconee Nuclear Station. The total usage of sulfuric acid for this year through October, 1976 was 156,535 pounds or 6,035 pounds in excess of the Table 1.2-1 limit.

The limiting value for sulfuric acid usage, as stated in Table 1.2-1, was established prior to station operation and was based upon expected annual usage values. It is felt that this value is overly conservative and does not reflect realistic, acceptable usages of sulfuric acid during normal unit operation.

In order to establish an accurate method of control of station chemical effluents an amendment to the Oconee Technical Specifications was proposed in my September 1, 1976 letter to Mr. B. C. Rusche. This change will institute a chemical effluent monitoring program in lieu of the present bulk chemical inventory program. It is felt that this Technical Specification change will establish appropriate limitations for sulfuric acid usage and alleviate problems experienced with the present chemical effluent control system.

Very truly yours,


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