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November 6, 1984

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Attention: Mr. John F. Stolz, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4

Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Sir:

By a letter dated September 11, 1984, Duke Power Company submitted proposed changes to the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specification in support of the operation of Oconee Unit 1 at full rated power during Cycle 9. Within the September 11th letter, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) was informed that the Unit 1, Cycle 9 refueling outage was scheduled to begin October 8, 1984, with a planned outage duration of 49 days. Further, the letter stated that the NRC will be kept informed of the schedule for restart through the project manager.

Through recent phone conversations, Duke has advised Oconee's project manager that the scheduled criticality date for Oconee 1 Cycle 9 is currently November 21, 1984. Presently the refueling outage is two days ahead of schedule and if this trend continues, this would result in a November 19th criticality date. Further, there does exist a possibility that the scheduled criticality could occur as early as November 17, 1984. Duke will continue to keep the NRC apprised of the criticality date for Oconee 1 Cycle 9 through the project manager.

Duke has learned that the "Pre-noticing" on this proposed Amendment Request was published in the monthly Federal Register on October 24, 1984, with November 26, 1984 as the expiration date for the 30 day comment period. Therefore, in order to avoid a delay in the restart of Oconee 1 for Cycle 9, Duke requests that the Commission approve our proposed Oconee 1, Cycle 9 Reload Amendment Request by November 16, 1984.

Duke understands that the Commission normally will not issue an amendment until the expiration of the 30-day comment period. However, if circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in the derating or shutdown of a facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day comment period. Duke recognizes that the Commission can take this action only if the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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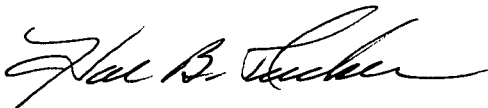
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As discussed earlier, circumstances have changed such that the failure to issue the Oconee 1 Cycle 9 reload amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period will result in a delay of the restart of Oconee 1 for Cycle 9. The circumstances which have changed and resulted in the need to have this amendment approved prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period are; The early shutdown of Oconee 1 Cycle 8 (O1C8 was shutdown on October 5, 1984); and the progress of the Refueling Outage (currently two days ahead of schedule). Furthermore, a delay in the restart of Oconee Unit 1 will cost Duke Power \$232,257.00 per day in replacement power costs.

In order to facilitate the timely approval of the O1C9 Reload Amendment, Duke requests that the Commission proceed to make a final No Significant Hazards Consideration. Duke submits that the final determination is that this Amendment does involve a No Significant Hazards Consideration. The basis for this determination was provided by my September 11, 1984 letter which transmitted our No Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Licensing Staff if further information is required. Your assistance and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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