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SUBJECT: Advises that test will be performed 2 days prior to initial outage for first Keowee battery replacement to assure that w/one battery out of svc, remaining battery will supply required loads for both Keowee units.

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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
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Dear Sir:

By a letter dated March 19, 1985, Duke Power Company (Duke) submitted a proposed amendment to the Oconee Technical Specifications. The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification 3.7.2(e)2 allowing a one-time extension of inoperability for a period of ten (10) days per battery in order to install new Keowee batteries and battery racks.

Duke, prior to installing the new battery, will startup both Keowee units with only one battery in service. Both Keowee units will operate at least two (2) minutes but no longer than three (3) minutes. This test will be performed two (2) days prior to beginning the initial ten (10) day outage for the first battery replacement. The second battery replacement outage will not begin until the newly installed battery is verified operable.

This test will assure that with one battery out of service, the remaining battery would be capable of supplying the required DC loads for both Keowee units.

Very truly yours,



Hal B. Tucker

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