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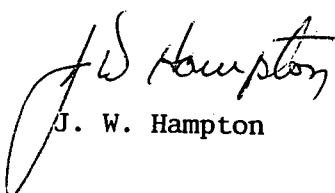
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Response to NRC question #10 on Technical Specification 3.7
Revision

In a letter dated November 29, 1993, Duke indicated that the response to NRC question #10 on Technical Specification 3.7 would be provided on December 6, 1993. The following information is provided as the response to question #10.

The Tech Spec requires a surveillance that removes power from the Main Feeder Buses which verifies that Keowee starts and operates correctly. During this test, the auxiliaries are required to function properly and any malfunctions in the auxiliaries would be discovered. A functional description of the auxiliary transfer scheme was provided to the NRC on May 17, 1993.

Since the Keowee Units are designed to start and run for greater than 30 minutes without AC power to the auxiliaries, credit is taken for Operator action to ensure that power is restored to the Keowee Auxiliaries after a Design Basis event. The operators have procedural guidance to take manual control of BKR's ACB-5, 6, 7, and 8 and align the Keowee auxiliaries to an operable power source (which is required by Tech Spec, both current and proposed). The new automatic transfer scheme is considered an enhancement. The automatic transfer scheme will be tested periodically and maintained QA-1. However, no credit will be taken for the system for Keowee operability.

Very truly yours,


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