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In the Matter of

Duke Power Company

(Amendment to Materials License SNM-1773 for Oconee

Nuclear Station Spent Fuel Transportation and Storage

at McGuire Nuclear Station)

Docket No. 70-2623

Gentlemen:

By Order Concerning Interrogatories, Termination of Discovery, and Schedule (April 12, 1979) the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board specified that discovery would close on May 31, 1979. Pursuant to that Order and 10 C.F.R. s2.740a the NRC Staff on May 23, 1979 served notices for taking of depositions on Dr. Arthur R. Tamplin, Dr. Thomas B. Cochran, and Mr. Dimitri Rotow for the week of May 27, 1979. However, due to schedule conflicts involving both the deponents and facilities, the depositions will not be completed prior to the close of the discovery period on May 31, 1979. Mr. Rotow's deposition was begun on May 30, 1979 but was not completed at that time.

Counsel for the Natural Resources Defense Council, who represents the named deponents, has agreed to the schedule for taking the depositions. The deposition of Mr. Kowowwillcoontinue at 9:30 a.m. June 1, 1977 at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The depositions of Dr. Tamplin and Dr. Cochran will begin at 10:30 a.m. on June 5, 1979 at the same address.

Sincerely,

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