

APPENDIX BNOTICE OF DEVIATION

Duke Power Company
Oconee Unit 3

License No. DPR-55

Based on the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspection conducted on November 11, 15, and 16, 1979, certain of your activities appear to deviate from your commitments to the Commission.

Item 6 of IE Bulletin 79-05B, dated April 21, 1979, required that you review your prompt reporting procedures for NRC notification to assure that NRC is notified within one hour of the time the reactor is not in a controlled or expected condition of operation. Further, at that time an open continuous communication channel shall be established and maintained with NRC.

Your response to IE Bulletin 79-05B indicated that the following actions were taken to assure compliance with the Bulletin requirements:

The Oconee Nuclear Station Emergency Plan (Station Directive 3.8.5) includes prompt reporting procedures for NRC notification of serious events. The section of the Emergency Plan pertaining to reports and notifications has been revised to include the following statement under those events requiring immediate notification of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Region II:

"Any situation whereby the reactor is not in a controlled or expected condition of operation. A situation such as this could be defined as any unscheduled event involving the reactor which cannot be controlled or stabilized by use of normal operating procedures.

Note: In a situation whereby the reactor is not in a controlled or expected condition, the NRC shall be notified no later than one (1) hour following determination of the uncontrolled or unexpected condition. Upon notification, an open, continuous communications channel shall be established and maintained from the station to the NRC."

To provide additional assurance that the NRC is promptly notified, Station Directive 3.1.5 (Notification of Station Management) has been revised to include the following event which will require prompt notification of the Station Manager:

Unscheduled event involving the reactor which cannot be controlled or stabilized by use of normal operating procedures.

Contrary to the above, at 3:15 p.m., on November 10, 1979, Oconee Unit 3 experienced a transient during which the loss of the KI Inverter resulted in the unit being in an unexpected condition of operation, and the NRC was not notified until approximately 8:30 p.m. on the same date.

This is a Deviation.