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Mr. Harold L. Price
Director of Regulations
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Price:

This is in response to Mr. Roger Boyd's letter of May 8, transmitting Amendment No. 3 to the Preliminary Safety Analysis Report, submitted by the Duke Power Company for its proposed Oconee Nuclear Station, Oconee County, South Carolina. Amendment No. 3 includes an application for a third pressurized water reactor to be known as "Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit No. 3". In our letter of April 29, we commented only on the effects that Units 1 and 2 would have upon fish and wildlife resources in the project area. We have the following additional comments concerning Unit No. 3.

The addition of a third unit would raise the capacity of the nuclear station to 2,622 megawatts, thereby increasing the possibility of damage to the fishery in the Keowee tailrace and Hartwell Reservoir from thermal effects. We reaffirm our request that the Duke Power Company: (1) conduct pre- and post-operational surveys, including sufficient monitoring of effluents and receiving waters of Lake Keowee and Hartwell Reservoir and collection of related climatological data, necessary for the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate the effects of the operation of the two units prior to construction of the third or any additional units; and (2) make any modifications in project structures and operations as may be determined necessary as a result of the surveys.

The opportunity for presenting our views is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Tucker
Commissioner

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