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Docket Nos. 50-270
and 50-287

Mr. Austin C. Thies
Senior Vice President
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Dear Mr. Thies:

The Final Environmental Statement published by the Regulatory staff in March 1972 concerning Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2 and 3 analyzed the environmental effects of simultaneously operating all three units. As a result of the evaluation, it was concluded by the staff that the benefits to be derived from operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station (the three nuclear units and the associated Keowee-Toxaway project) outweigh the adverse environmental effects. At the time the only action under immediate consideration by the staff was issuance of an operating license for Unit 1; accordingly, the recommendation in the FES was limited to "issuance of a license to operate Unit 1." The recommendation was conditioned with four provisos that Duke Power Company develop and implement monitoring programs and accumulate baseline environmental data.

While the evaluations and conclusions in the March 1972 FES support a recommendation to issue an operating license for Units 2 and 3, there is additional information available today which must be evaluated to update the statement and support licensing of Units 2 and 3. For example, the Environmental Report which was submitted for the Catawba Plant indicates that the delays in bringing the Oconee Units and Cliffside 5 on stream result in a deficit rather than a small reserve between system peak loads and installed capacity. Also, subsequent data and information which was submitted in conjunction with the technical specifications for Oconee indicate that Duke Power Company has developed and implemented the monitoring programs and studies recommended by the staff and other Federal agencies last year. We propose to issue an addendum to the Final Environmental Statement for Oconee Units 1, 2 and 3 updating the need for power (Chapter X) and the various sections where new information require supplementation. This addendum which will incorporate the March 1972 FES by reference will be circulated for public comment in accordance with the procedures specified in Appendix D, 10 CFR Part 50.

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Mr. Richard J. Clark, the AEC Environmental Project Manager, will visit the site and meet with the DPC staff to review the status and results of environmental monitoring programs and to insure that the staff has sufficient information about these, the need for power matter, and such other matters as should be considered in the addendum to the FES. With complete cooperation it is expected that this addendum can be prepared in a relatively short time.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Gordon K. Dicker

Gordon K. Dicker, Chief
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cc: Mr. William L. Porter
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