UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555 July 16, 1975 Docket Nos. 50-269 50-270 and 50-287 Duke Power Company ATTN: Mr. Austin C. Thies Senior Vice President 422 South Church Street Post Office Box 2178 Charlotte, North Carolina 28201 Gentlemen: The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 8, Technical Specification Change No. 18 for License No. DPR-38; Amendment No. 8, Technical Specification Change No. 13 for License No. DPR-47; and Amendment No. 5, Technical Specification Change No. 5 for License No. DPR-55, for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3. These amendments are in response to your request dated May 9, 1975. These amendments (1) modify the rod withdrawal limit curves to include limitations associated with maintaining potential ejected control rod worth within previously established limits (including following control rod interchange) and limitations associated with maintaining shutdown margin, (2) delete the separate specification on maximum inserted control rod worths, but include the limits and bases therefor in (1) above, (3) incorporate an additional restriction on the regulating control rod positions prior to criticality to assure that the ejected rod worth does

not exceed 1% delta k/k at hot zero power, and (4) permit the rod withdrawal limit curves associated with ejected rod limits to be exceeded for a maximum period of two hours, provided that shutdown margin requirements are maintained and corrective measures are taken immediately to achieve a rod pattern consistent with the limit curves.

Copies of the related Safety Evaluation and the Federal Register Notice are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Purple, Chief

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Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 8 to DPR-38
- 2. Amendment No. 8 to DPR-47
- 3. Amendment No. 5 to DPR-55
- 4. Safety Evaluation
- 5. Federal Register Notice

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