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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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DEPOSITIONS OF:
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C. W. HENDRIX, JR.

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I N D E X

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>DIRECT</u>	<u>CROSS</u>
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C. W. Hendrix, Jr.	5	--

1 The Depositions of Robert Sharpe and C. W.
2 Hendrix, Jr., are taken at the Offices of Duke Power
3 Company, Charlotte, North Carolina, on this the 12th
4 day of May, 1983, in the presence of Mr. Jesse L.
5 Riley and Robert Guild, Counsel on behalf of the
6 Intervenor, Palmetto Alliance, Incorporated; Anne W.
7 Cottingham, J. Michael McGarry, Albert V. Carr, and
8 Ronald W. Gibson, Attorneys on behalf of the Applicant,
9 Duke Power Company.

10 It is agreed that Lynn B. Gilliam, Notary
11 Public in and for the State of North Carolina, may
12 take said Deposition in machine shorthand and tran-
13 scribe the same to typewriting.

14 MR. MCGARRY: I have some introductory
15 comments if I could just make them by way of intro-
16 duction; as in other Depositions taken yesterday and
17 today, I would like this Deposition transcript Record
18 to reflect that a Stipulation has been entered into
19 concerning the taking of this Deposition by other than
20 stenographic means.

21 That is appended to Mary Birch's Deposition.
22 Also the comments that Applicant made concerning
23 Notice and accommodation contained in Mary Birch's
24 Deposition apply equally to this Deposition.

25 Another comment with respect to the avail-

1 ability of documents, the FSAR is available and hope-
2 fully any other documents that are germane to this
3 Deposition are available in this room.

4 Two other points, originally a Westinghouse
5 Witness was scheduled to be deposed, but because of
6 Palmetto's Requests, whatever the reasons underlying
7 the Request might be, the Westinghouse Witness is not
8 present.

9 Rather we have provided two Duke Witnesses.
10 Hopefully they will provide responsive answers. Let
11 me amend that, of course they will provide responsive
12 answers.

13 Hopefully those answers will prove of value.
14 It is our position that the most knowledgeable people
15 with respect to Contention 44 reside at Westinghouse.

16 Lastly, the Deposition today will be taken
17 in introductory fashion by Mr. Guild; and with respect
18 to the substance, by Mr. Riley.

19 In the normal instance we would oppose
20 that and be of the view that the Deposition should be
21 conducted by Mr. Guild.

22 We know Mr. Riley, we know of his cross
23 examination skills, and we do not oppose Mr. Riley
24 taking the Deposition in this one instance.

25 MR. GUILD: By way of introduction, my

1 name is Robert Guild, and I represent Palmetto
2 Alliance, one of the Intervenors in this case.

3 One of the Contentions that has been
4 Admitted and is the subject of this litigation under
5 consideration by the Licensing Board is numbered 44
6 and relates to reactor pressure and Embrittlement.

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8 ROBERT SHARPE and C. W. HENDRIX, JR.,
9 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, were
10 examined and testified as follows:

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12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. GUILD:

14 Q Are you Mr. Hendrix?

15 MR. HENDRIX: Yes.

16 Q And you, sir, are Mr. Sharpe?

17 MR. SHARPE: Yes, sir.

18 MR. GUILD: And Counsel will stip-
19 ulate both of these gentlemen participated
20 in Responding to Interrogatories previously
21 served by Palmetto Alliance with respect
22 to this Contention?

23 MR. MCGARRY: That's correct with
24 respect to Mr. Hendrix.

25 MR. SHARPE: I really don't have any

1 Affidavits in there.

2 MR. MCGARRY: But Mr. Sharpe did
3 not have any Affidavits with respect to this
4

5 MR. GUILD: I stand corrected.

6 BY MR. GUILD:

7 Q Gentlemen, I refer you to Applicant's
8 Answers to Interrogatories, it's a document dated
9 December 31st, 1982.

10 On Page 9 of that document are some
11 quotes concerning Contention 44, if you would just
12 take a moment and examine that, please.

13 I believe both of you have seen that
14 Contention before?

15 MR. SHARPE: Yes.

16 Q Since there are two Witnesses answering
17 the questions as a matter of clarity, I would ask if
18 the question is not posed to a specific Witness, if
19 you would identify yourself before answering so that
20 the tape will reflect the identity of the person giving
21 the answer.

22 Again, I will ask, if either I or Mr. Riley
23 is asking the question and the question is not clear,
24 please stop and ask for clarification.

25 Otherwise we will assume that the question

1 is understood, and that the answer is responsive to
2 that question.

3 Mr. Sharpe, would you please, sir, state
4 your present position with the company and briefly
5 give us a resume of your past experience with Duke
6 and of your professional training and background?

7 MR. SHARPE: My title is Nuclear Engineer,
8 Licensing, in the Nuclear Production Department at
9 Duke Power.

10 I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in
11 Nuclear Engineering from North Carolina State
12 University.

13 I have been with Duke since 1971. I am
14 responsible for licensing at Catawba, and I was also
15 involved in the preparation of the Catawba FSAR.

16 I was also involved for a number of years
17 with the Electric Power Research Institute's Selecting
18 Pressure Vessel Subcommittee.

19 Q And for what period of time were you
20 involved with that subcommittee, Mr. Sharpe; do you
21 recall?

22 MR. SHARPE: It seems like it was about
23 1975 to '78.

24 Q Mr. Hendrix, would you do the same, your
25 present position and a little resume of your background?

1 MR. HENDRIX: I am presently a Maintenance
2 Engineer, Nuclear Production Department. I have
3 been with Duke Power since 1977, January of 1977.

4 I have a Bachelor's Degree in Physics from
5 Georgia Tech and my Master's is in Metallurgy. I
6 have been involved with various materials and problems
7 at Duke Power Company, and I have served on EPRI
8 Committees in the materials areas as well as Honor's
9 Group and Committees and Subcommittees as well as
10 Atomic Committees and Subcommittees.

11 Q Mr. Hendrix, would you state specifically
12 the committees or working groups that you have been
13 a member of that have dealt specifically with
14 pressurized thermal shock or Embrittlement issues?

15 MR. HENDRIX: In the Embrittlement area,
16 I have served a short period of time on the Babcocks
17 and Wilcox Honor's Group Materials Subcommittee,
18 which deals with Reactor Vessel Surveillance Program;
19 EPRI Pressure Boundary Subcommittee from 1978, and
20 I am still on that subcommittee which also deals with
21 Vessel Materials Surveillance problems or programs.

22 Q Mr. Hendrix, could you relate generally
23 how your present position relates to the subject of
24 Embrittlement?

25 MR. HENDRIX: I am responsible for a

1 general review of some of the Materials Surveillance
2 Programs; specifically, Oconee, though that is not
3 my primary responsibility.

4 Q How about Materials Surveillance at any
5 other facilities of the company?

6 MR. HENDRIX: I am involved in those to
7 a much less degree at Catawba and McGuire.

8 MR. GUILD: Gentlemen, if you would
9 be kind enough to respond to questions now
10 that Mr. Riley has for you on the subject
11 of his Contention, I would appreciate it.
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13 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. RILEY:

15 Q Mr. Hendrix, were you present at the time
16 of ultrasonic testing of the Oconee reactors?

17 MR. HENDRIX: Was I physically present?

18 Q Physically present, yes.

19 MR. HENDRIX: No.

20 Q Are you knowledgeable with the records
21 that were obtained in this testing program?

22 MR. HENDRIX: In a general sense, yes.

23 Q How many of the Oconee reactors had been
24 tested by ultrasonic means?

25 MR. HENDRIX: The vessels, themselves.

1 all have been tested.

2 Q When was the time each vessel was tested;
3 was it tested more than once?

4 MR. HENDRIX: I can't really give you a
5 specific date that they were tested. Most recently
6 all three units were tested in the years of '81 and '82,
7 but I can't give you the specific day or dates they
8 were tested.

9 That information is available in the QA
10 Office, Quality Assurance Office.

11 Q Where was the testing done?

12 MR. HENDRIX: The testing was done by
13 Babcocks and Wilcox.

14 Q How many people were involved in the
15 testing program?

16 MR. HENDRIX: I really am not aware.

17 Q I would like to turn to the Interrogatories
18 that were Responded to on December 31st; and Mr.
19 Sharpe, I am looking at Pages 67 and 68.

20 Am I correct in thinking that your
21 responsibility would be in the same area as Mr.
22 Ouellette's--am I pronouncing that correctly?

23 MR. CARR: Ouellette.

24 MR. SHARPE: That's right.

25 Q To read that Interrogatory Ten, it says,

1 "At what temperature will water in the ECCS be
2 maintained? Has any consideration been given to
3 increasing this temperature? Explain your Response
4 in detail."

5 The Answer is that the water in the storage
6 tank will be maintained at a temperature of 70 degrees.
7 Is this the only source of water for the Emergency
8 Cooling System?

9 MR. SHARPE: To my knowledge it is.

10 Q Are you familiar with a gas pressurized
11 component that comes on at the highest pressure that
12 the ECCS would operate at?

13 MR. SHARPE: I'm not sure if I understand
14 your question. Are you alluding to the fluid tanks
15 in the UHI System?

16 Q That's right.

17 MR. SHARPE: Well, those are not a
18 source the same as the fueling waters, storage water
19 tank.

20 Q I know they aren't, but are they a source
21 of water in the fluid storage tanks in an emergency
22 situation?

23 MR. SHARPE: Yes.

24 Q But what about the source of water for the
25 High Pressure Injection System?

1 MR. SHARPE: That comes from the refueling
2 water storage tank.

3 Q What about the Low Pressure Injection
4 System?

5 MR. SHARPE: That comes from the refueling
6 water storage tank.

7 Q So there are two fuel sources?

8 MR. SHARPE: Well, you have the ECCS
9 pumps, and you have the passive tanks that would dump
10 water into the cooling system also.

11 Q But they are physically separate?

12 MR. SHARPE: Yes.

13 Q Going on to Page 68, Number 14, "Describe
14 in detail how the welds in Unit 2 are located away
15 from peak neutron exposure. Specify where and why
16 it was not possible to do so."

17 In Response, "The core region shelves of the
18 Catawba Unit 2 Reactor Vessel are fabricated of
19 plate material and have longitudinal welds which are
20 angularly located as far away from the peak neutron
21 exposure as geometrically possible."

22 How many longitudinal welds are there?

23 MR. SHARPE: I believe they are shown in
24 the FSAR.

25 Q Do you recall what the angular spacing is,

1 how many plates are involved?

2 MR. SHARPE: No, I don't.

3 Q All right, the reference on that is FSAR
4 Figure 5.3.1-2. Would you mind referring to it in
5 response to the question?

6 MR. SHARPE: Now repeat your question.

7 Q Yes, how many longitudinal welds are
8 there and how far separated are they angularly?

9 MR. SHARPE: Like 90 degrees, 120 degrees,
10 180 degrees, that sort of thing. It looks like 120
11 degrees apart in this figure.

12 Q That would mean there are three longi-
13 tudinal welds?

14 MR. SHARPE: Three longitudinal welds.

15 Q Now can you explain how it is possible to
16 locate that as far away from peak neutron exposure
17 as geometrically possible?

18 Let me ask another question first, I guess
19 this would be easier: In tracing the neutron effluence
20 around the circumference of the reactor, how many
21 times does it peak?

22 MR. SHARPE: I believe that was provided
23 in the Response to the Discovery Request. It showed
24 that the change in exposure versus the azimuthal angle.

25 Q Now that was not in Response to Contention

1 44. If we take a look at this, how many peaks would
2 there be around the circumference?

3 MR. GUILD: For the Record, I might
4 note that is an Attachment to the Applicant's
5 Response to CESG Discovery on this subject.

6 THE WITNESS: I might note that this
7 was really a Westinghouse Response, and
8 that I am not that familiar with this.

9 And we were sitting here trying to
10 put this together to come up with a
11 response for you, but I don't think we can
12 really address this as adequately as
13 Westinghouse could.

14
15 BY MR. RILEY:

16 Q All right, have you any basis for saying,
17 and I realize what you have just said, the ratio
18 between the peak circumferential effluence and the
19 minimum circumferential effluence?

20 MR. SHARPE: I really wouldn't have a
21 response for that.

22 Q On Page 70, the Answer to C reads, "RT
23 SubNDT is then the higher of T SubNDT and T SubCV."
24 And it looks like a hyphen, "-60 degrees F."

25 Would that be a minus sign?

1 MR. SHARPE: Yes.

2 MR. HENDRIX: Hendrix, yes.

3 Q Thank you; Mr. Hendrix, are you familiar
4 with the determination of that magnitude of 60 degrees
5 F; and if you are, would you please explain it?

6 MR. HENDRIX: I am not familiar enough
7 with the determination of the 60 degrees F number to
8 really discuss that.

9 Q Would it be similarly true that you would
10 not wish to discuss the variance in the 60 degree
11 number?

12 MR. HENDRIX: Not at all, I would not.

13 Q About four-fifths of the way down the same
14 page, and this may be more related to your concerns,
15 Mr. Sharpe, it says, "For the main weld both drop
16 weight and Charpy V-notch Tests were performed."

17 Would you define the main weld the
18 subject of the reactor?

19 MR. SHARPE: This Response is provided
20 by Westinghouse. I could not explain it any further.

21 Q All right, the last sentence in the Response
22 to 20 on Page 71 reads, "The transition temperature
23 approach contemplates the heatup and cooldown and
24 operation of reactor vessels will be controlled to
25 assure that the reactor vessel temperature is well

1 above the RT SubNDT during these operations."

2 Now this, I gather, Mr. Sharpe, is in the
3 FSAR for Catawba or some similar controlling
4 document?

5 MR. SHARPE: The controls being the heat-
6 up and cooldown curves?

7 Q That's right, and the assurance that the
8 temperature is well above?

9 MR. SHARPE: Those curves are in the
10 FSAR.

11 Q All right, quantitatively speaking, how much
12 is well above?

13 MR. SHARPE: I couldn't explain it any
14 further. Westinghouse provided this Response.

15 Q Not wishing to be argumentative about it,
16 Duke will be operating and Duke will be determining
17 what these temperatures are.

18 And temperatures are reportedly a
19 description of value, and I would like to get a sense
20 of how much well above is.

21 MR. SHARPE: Maybe I can explain how
22 the curves come about. Westinghouse provides the
23 heatup and cooldown curves based on materials data
24 provided in the FSAR.

25 This had been provided to us initially to go

1 in the tech specs that are issued to Duke with the
2 operating license through the life of the plant
3 surveillance capsule data to be used to update those
4 curves as necessary.

5 Westinghouse has the expertise in their
6 shop to do this, and I don't believe Duke really has
7 the input into those curves.

8 Q Do I anticipate those curves changing during
9 the life of the reactor?

10 MR. SHARPE: I believe the curves that
11 are provided in the FSAR at this time indicate that
12 they are--maybe it would be helpful to pull that
13 section of the FSAR out.

14 Q Please do.

15 MR. SHARPE: I am looking at the FSAR
16 Figure X440.A-1-2. This is the heatup and cooldown
17 curves, respectively, for Catawba Units One and Two
18 up to sixteen full-powered years; so sometime prior
19 to exceeding sixteen full-powered years, we would
20 have to update the curves based on the surveillance
21 data that was available at that time.

22 Q What time do you expect the first
23 surveillance data would be ordered for Catawba Units
24 One and Two in terms of--

25 MR. SHARPE: In accordance with 10CFR50.

1 Appendix H, I believe the first surveillance capsule
2 comes out at the first refueling.

3 Q Have you anything to add to Mr. Sharpe's
4 response, Mr. Hendrix?

5 MR. HENDRIX: No.

6 Q Mr. Hendrix, does Oconee operate on the
7 same basis that Mr. Sharpe just described as
8 proposed for Catawba?

9 MR. HENDRIX: You mean--

10 Q With respect to observing heatup and cool-
11 down operations which are, I quote, "...well above
12 the RT SubNDT"?

13 MR. HENDRIX: I would say I don't have
14 detailed knowledge as to what the margin between
15 where you are operating at a specific temperature and
16 pressure point is with respect to RT NDT; and I am
17 not sure that is a valid comparison.

18 But they certainly operate with heatup and
19 cooldown curves which will ensure that you are above
20 RT NDT.

21 I should rephrase that to say there is a
22 margin for the embrittled factor.

23 Q Could we expand on that just a little bit?
24 What is, as of the most recent test, the highest RT
25 NDT for Oconee reactor vessel material?

1 MR. HENDRIX: I couldn't say what the
2 exact number is. Again, that information is available
3 as per our response to other questions in that that
4 is located in the Licensing Library.

5 Q Could you hypothetically accept 168 degrees
6 Fahrenheit?

7 MR. HENDRIX: I could; I have no knowledge
8 that is the highest or the lowest number.

9 Q In the Interrogatories, I believe that is the
10 highest number indicated in your Response. If we
11 take that hypothetically, does that mean that the
12 vessel would be depressurized before getting into the
13 vicinity of this highest RT NDT?

14 MR. MCGARRY: Excuse me, Mr.
15 Riley; do you have a reference of the 168,
16 and we can stipulate to that.

17 MR. RILEY: We will probably be
18 coming across it a little bit later. It is
19 on Page Seven of the filing of February 28
20 by the Applicant, and the highest temperature
21 given is actually 196, bottom line of that
22 table.

23 And I would like to be sure of the
24 significance of the heading of that table.
25 It reads, "The RT space Degrees

1 Fahrenheit..." I should say, "RT SubDT Degrees
2 Fahrenheit, 9/30/82," and to the right there is a
3 letter, small "a".

4 Could you tell me if that means at or on
5 9/30/82?

6 MR. HENDRIX: No, that refers to the
7 footnote at the bottom which tells you the basis for
8 that number.

9 Q These were values on 9/30/82?

10 MR. HENDRIX: With the calculational
11 techniques that are referred to in footnote "a".

12 Q And that is not the end of the life, RT NDT?

13 MR. HENDRIX: No.

14 Q That is how many degrees below boiling
15 point?

16 MR. HENDRIX: What number?

17 Q One hundred ninety-six?

18 MR. HENDRIX: It is obviously 16.

19 Q Right; with respect to depressurizing the
20 reactor, would you on that basis be able to say at
21 what temperature you would have what minimal reactor
22 pressure?

23 MR. HENDRIX: I am not an operator, and
24 I am not familiar with the operating curves or the
25 way they operate the plant.

1 Q That is a satisfactory answer. Question 21
2 deals with the "fracture mechanics approach" and there
3 is a discussion of "crack toughness."

4 Of course, this is going to be Mr. Hendrix.
5 Would you compare for us the load extension diagram
6 tinsel cast for a specimen which was crack free
7 versus a specimen that had cracks in it?

8 MR. HENDRIX: I'm not sure what aspect
9 you would like to look at, and I cannot say in detail
10 that I have ever done that.

11 I would assume for a notched specimen that
12 you would expect to see a failure and a lower load
13 than an unnotched specimen of the same properties.

14 Which I think has been stated previously.

15 Q Would it make a difference as to whether
16 this test was performed above or below RT NDT?

17 MR. HENDRIX: Yes.

18 Q What would the difference be?

19 MR. HENDRIX: Above RT NDT you would
20 expect a double fracture; below you would expect a
21 brittle fracture.

22 Q Would you care to define brittle fracture
23 in terms of the load extension diagram that would go
24 with it?

25 MR. HENDRIX: Brittle fracture is

1 characterized by a fracture without significant
2 elongation.

3 Q All right, now let's translate that into
4 stress. With respect to an unnotched sample below
5 RT NDT, what magnitude of load would develop for
6 the notched or cracked specimen?

7 MR. HENDRIX: You have to repeat that,
8 I'm not--you have to repeat that. I'm not sure I
9 understood.

10 Q All right, the load sustained by an unnotched
11 specimen below RT NDT will have a certain value, and
12 there will be some extension associated with it.

13 For a cracked specimen, what fraction of
14 load will develop up to the point of failure, at the
15 point of failure?

16 MR. HENDRIX: I have no idea.

17 Q Will it be substantially less than the load
18 that developed for the uncracked specimen?

19 MR. HENDRIX: I don't know whether it
20 would be substantially less or not.

21 Q You are familiar with the concept of
22 modulus?

23 MR. HENDRIX: Yes.

24 Q What sort of extension had you in mind when
25 you responded that there would be very little extension

1 or no extension for the cracked specimen?

2 MR. HENDRIX: I really didn't have a
3 number in mind. That is a quantitative statement
4 rather than a qualitative statement.

5 Q So you wouldn't be able to translate a
6 specific statement in terms of a tinsel value or
7 loading based on a knowledge of modulus?

8 MR. HENDRIX: No, I would not personally
9 be able to do that; no.

10 Q Now, at a temperature above RT NDT,
11 again considering specimens of the type just discussed,
12 would the cracked specimen develop as much extension
13 as the uncracked specimen?

14 MR. HENDRIX: I really don't know the
15 answer to that either.

16 Q But your answer is it would not sustain
17 as high a load?

18 MR. HENDRIX: No, I would not expect it
19 would. Again, that is supposition.

20 Q Has the Fracture Toughness Program referred
21 to in Item 23 been completed?

22 MR. HENDRIX: Mr. Hendrix, I am not
23 familiar with that program.

24 Q Are you familiar with that program, Mr.
25 Sharpe?

1 MR. SHARPE: Mr. Sharpe; I believe this
2 was in the FSAR. This was a discussion provided by
3 Westinghouse; and I believe the follow-up discussions
4 and Supplemental Response to the Interrogatories
5 indicated the program had not been completed.

6 There were a number of progress reports.

7 Q Are you in any position to state when you
8 think the project will be completed?

9 MR. SHARPE: Mr. Sharpe, no.

10 Q Do you know the period in which Catawba
11 One Reactor Vessel was fabricated?

12 MR. SHARPE: I do not.

13 Q Do you, Mr. Hendrix?

14 MR. HENDRIX: I don't know specifically,
15 no.

16 Q Would your response be the same for
17 Catawba Unit Two Reactor Vessel?

18 MR. SHARPE: Yes.

19 (Mr. Hendrix nodded his head
20 affirmatively.)

21 Q Are you familiar with the NRC Rules in
22 terms of ASME Code that applies to the several
23 reactor vessels at Catawba One and Catawba Two?

24 MR. SHARPE: I am not personally familiar
25 with those.

1 MR. HENDRIX: Only in a very general
2 sense.

3 Q You are aware that a different rule applies
4 for Catawba One and Catawba Two?

5 MR. HENDRIX: Not specifically; you mean
6 in terms of some specific aspect of the design and
7 construction?

8 Q Well, what I was specifically seeking was
9 the date on which construction was started for each
10 of those, and I have to understand that neither one
11 of you knows?

12 MR. SHARPE: Right.

13 MR. CARR: Excuse me, if I can call
14 their attention to our December 31
15 Responses, Response to 18, Page 69 and 70,
16 appear to be addressing that; and I don't
17 know if that will help them or not.

18 MR. HENDRIX: It helps in the sense
19 that we understand--I think that the
20 construction design of the vessels and of
21 the plants, there was a different code that
22 applied during those for each of those.

23 However, as to the specifics, you
24 know, what the differences in the two codes
25 might have been, of course, I have no

1 detailed knowledge of that at all.

2 MR. GUILD: Counsel, I might state
3 that the Answer to Interrogatory 25 referen
4 the FSAR, Section 5.3.1.5, on Catawba
5 compliance with ASME specs.

6 MR. RILEY: Also for the Record,
7 there is a discussion of related matters in
8 the SER 5.3.1, Pages 513 to 522, but
9 neither in the Applicant's Responses nor
10 the SER is the date of initiating fabrication
11 given.

12 It is simply that one was before '71,
13 and the other was before '72.

14
15 BY MR. RILEY:

16 Q Did you find a starting date in the FSAR?

17 MR. SHARPE: No, that gave the same
18 information you were just referring to, the code dates
19 that apply to each of the vessels.

20 Q All right, the questions I will address now
21 are in reference to your Response dated February 28.
22 Now on Page 63, the Response--that is dealing with
23 overcooling transients; and the Applicant's Response
24 is, "There has been no overcooling transient at
25 Ocone of the sort contemplated in Contention 44."

1 And I would like to have you let me get a
2 better understanding of what "of the sort" means.

3 MR. HENDRIX: I can't answer that question

4 Q If you're not able to answer, can you tell
5 us of any sort of overcooling transients that have
6 occurred at Oconee?

7 MR. HENDRIX: No.

8 Q To your knowledge no overcooling transients
9 have occurred?

10 MR. HENDRIX: No, I can't tell you that
11 there have been.

12 Q Did Duke Engineers or other personnel
13 make the calculations for end of life RT NDT, or were
14 these calculations made by someone else?

15 MR. HENDRIX: Which specific calculations
16 are we referring to?

17 Q At the bottom of Page 63, calculations of
18 58 degrees increase for Unit 1 and a 94 degree
19 increase for Unit 2?

20 MR. HENDRIX: Yes, that is provided by
21 Westinghouse. That is in the FSAR.

22 Q Mr. Hendrix, going with the discussion
23 started at the bottom of Page 64 and ending on 65
24 and also generally there have been references to the
25 influence of nickel, copper, and phosphorus on the

1 increase of RT NDT with neutron effluence.

2 Are you familiar with the basis, either
3 experimentally or in conclusion, relating to the
4 copper content?

5 MR. HENDRIX: Only in a very general
6 sense.

7 Q Are you able to tell us that you have some
8 familiarity with experimental work at which low
9 copper seals were exposed to neutron effluence and
10 the RT NDT followed?

11 MR. HENDRIX: No, I don't have those
12 kinds of details.

13 Q On Page 66 at the bottom of the page--
14 this is for you, Mr. Sharpe--the Item 1, "Fabrication
15 Weld Examination, the location is the QA Vault at
16 Cherokee."

17 I wondered if that would still be the case
18 with the closing down of Cherokee?

19 MR. SHARPE: I don't know whether that is
20 the case or not. I believe we copied some of those
21 records, and I am not sure where they are; but we
22 have them now.

23 MR. RILEY: I gather, Mr. Carr--

24 MR. CARR: We brought them up

25 here in case you wanted to come to the

1 Document Room and inspect them.

2 I'm not sure where they are in
3 Charlotte, but they are available if you
4 would like to look at them.

5 MR. RILEY: Thank you.

6 MR. CARR: Is that right, Mr.
7 Hendrix?

8 MR. HENDRIX: Yes, it is; I don't
9 know exactly where they are, but we could
10 certainly find them.

11
12 BY MR. RILEY:

13 Q On Page 67, top item, Table 2--

14 MR. CARR: Excuse me; Roger tells
15 me it is already in the Room, the infor-
16 mation is there.

17 MR. RILEY: Thank you very much.

18
19 BY MR. RILEY:

20 Q On Page 67, item 2 under the common
21 location, "QA DPC Unit 1, EC1273, Unit 2 documentation
22 not issued by B and W."

23 This is from McGuire Units One and Two.
24 Could you explain to me the association of B and W?

25 MR. SHARPE: Babcocks and Wilcox Company

1 does our ultrasonic inspection of the vessels.

2 Q Can you tell us Mr. Sharpe, or Mr. Carr,
3 if the progress reports referred to on Page 68, Item
4 23 on, "Fracture Toughness Program," are available
5 here in Charlotte for inspection?

6 MR. CARR: I don't know, I don't
7 think so; I don't know.

8 MR. SHARPE: I don't know.

9
10 BY MR. RILEY:

11 Q Are these progress reports available some-
12 where in the Duke organization? Is this something
13 that you just know about by report?

14 MR. SHARPE: I don't know.

15 Q All right, going to the bottom of that
16 page--

17 MR. CARR: May this be a clarification
18 by Counsel? I am informed that those
19 reports have been done by Westinghouse,
20 but we are uncertain as to whether we have
21 them here.

22 I don't think we do.

23
24 BY MR. RILEY:

25 Q At the bottom of the page there is a sentence

1 that reads, "As Applicants indicated in their December 31
2 Responses, they are unable to answer the question
3 concerning 'ferritic composition' because they cannot
4 ascertain its meaning."

5 Do you hold with that Response, Mr.
6 Hendrix?

7 MR. HENDRIX: Yes, I am afraid I do.

8 Q Are you familiar with the use of the term
9 ferritic in the Safety Evaluations Report?

10 MR. HENDRIX: No.

11 Q Let me refer you then to Page 513 where
12 there are two references. This will be about 12 lines
13 down in the middle of the Response, 1 in parentheses.

14 MR. SHARPE: Yes.

15 Q Then going on to five, "ferritic steels."

16 MR. HENDRIX: I understand how that is
17 used, yes.

18 Q Would it be possible then to respond to
19 Question Number 25 about what ferritic composition
20 is used at Catawba?

21 MR. HENDRIX: Do you mean then the
22 composition of the ferritic materials used?

23 Q Yes.

24 MR. HENDRIX: Can I respond? Let me
25 read this.

1 Q Certainly, specifically what is the
2 composition of the ferritic materials used at Catawba?

3 MR. HENDRIX: Right, let me say I can't
4 personally respond to that. I believe that information
5 is in the FSAR.

6 MR. SHARPE: Yes, that is in Table 5.3.3-2
7 for Catawba, Unit 1 Reactor Vessel. The corresponding
8 information for Unit Two is in Table 5.3.3-3.

9 Q May I take a look at it to see the degree
10 of completeness? Thank you.

11 MR. SHARPE: Back up a page.

12 Q Yes, thank you. That is responsive; thank
13 you. On Page 69 in Line 3 of your Table A1 of
14 Appendix A, and this is Appendix A to what?

15 MR. HENDRIX: If you look at the specific
16 capsule for the numbers that are listed in Table One,
17 there is an Appendix A and Table A1 will provide that
18 information; so that Appendix is for each of those
19 capsule reports.

20 They are a standard format.

21 Q In the capsule would you list the types of
22 material that are present; for example, reactor plate,
23 reactor weld material, bolting material, that sort of
24 thing?

25 MR. HENDRIX: You are not talking specific

1 material, just in general what types of material are
2 there?

3 Q Well, specifically, in the capsules that
4 will be applied at Catawba.

5 MR. HENDRIX: I again have no detailed
6 information of that. That should be included in the
7 FSAR.

8 Q Can you tell us for Oconee?

9 MR. HENDRIX: For Oconee, I can't tell
10 you specifically. That is a large volume of infor-
11 mation; however, it is included in the capsule reports
12 and there are general documents that describe the
13 overall Oconee Surveillance Program; and all that
14 information is available in those documents.

15 Q Could you tell us the physical form in which
16 the weld material is included? In other words, are
17 welding rods used in the exposure?

18 MR. HENDRIX: No.

19 Q Are welds produced?

20 MR. HENDRIX: Welds are produced; I think
21 the best answer to that is to look in detail at those
22 reports because they will tell you exactly what the
23 shape of the specimen is and where they were observed
24 and all the details that you would require.

25 Q Thank you. Taking a look at Table 70, and

1 this is for you, Mr. Hendrix, you have a degree in
2 physics and a degree in metallurgy, and you have been
3 looking at numerical data for much of your academic
4 and professional life.

5 What do you think of the third column where
6 every initial RT NDT is 20 degrees?

7 MR. HENDRIX: I really have no comment.
8 Those numbers were provided by the vendor based on
9 testing.

10 Q Did you ever question their credibility?

11 MR. HENDRIX: No.

12 Q Are you familiar with the phenomena of
13 variance in measuring physical attributes?

14 MR. HENDRIX: In general.

15 Q Does this strike you as being a remarkable
16 exception to what we usually see?

17 MR. HENDRIX: Again, I would have to look
18 at exactly where those numbers came from; and I am
19 certainly not the best person to address where these
20 numbers came from since they were arrived at
21 considerably before my employment with Duke Power.

22 Q These represent ten different welds. If
23 we take a look at the fourth column we see a range
24 of values from one hundred eighty to one hundred
25 ninety-six.

1 Would you care to make a statement on
2 whether that represents a large degree of variance or
3 not?

4 MR. HENDRIX: No, I wouldn't care to
5 comment.

6 Q Can you explain the large degree of variance
7 in that fourth column as a metallurgist?

8 MR. HENDRIX: I think those numbers were
9 arrived at using REG-Guide 199, and where one picks
10 up variances there, I really haven't looked at
11 in any detail.

12 Q We were told in some of your Responses
13 that the rate of change in RT NDT depends upon the
14 copper content, phosphorus content, and nickel content.

15 May we correctly conclude from looking at
16 this data there was great variaability in the copper,
17 phosphorus, and/or nickel content in the various data?

18 MR. HENDRIX: Again, I cannot comment.
19 It would be more useful to look at the chemistry of
20 these materials that I referenced from the capsule
21 report.

22 Again, the chemistries are there.

23 Q In the table, there is a sentence that reads,
24 "It has been shown that the RT NDT values calculated
25 for Regulatory Guide 1.99 are conservative."

1 Will you explain why they are conservative;
2 how this conservatism is assured, Mr. Sharpe?

3 MR. SHARPE: I have reviewed the results
4 of our capsule reports, and in a general sense; and
5 I have compared those to the REG-Guide values, to
6 the actual; and in general the REG-Guide numbers are
7 conservative.

8 Q All right, in this context can conservative
9 be expressed in degrees Fahrenheit?

10 MR. SHARPE: No.

11 Q In what language can conservative be
12 expressed?

13 MR. SHARPE: It can be expressed in
14 degrees Fahrenheit, most certainly.

15 Q Would you please express it in degrees
16 Fahrenheit?

17 MR. SHARPE: It varies.

18 Q Yes, but can you give us a range?

19 MR. SHARPE: No, I can't specifically give
20 you a range; that data is in those reports, specifically
21 in a table.

22 And it is specifically compared.

23 Q Yes, but Mr. Hendrix, what I'm asking for
24 is your professional judgment as to whether or not
25 these differences in degrees Fahrenheit are conservative

1 or not.

2 What I'm asking you to help me with is
3 how many degrees margin is a conservative margin?

4 MR. HENDRIX: The problem I'm having as
5 far as I'm concerned, any actual number that falls
6 under the predicted number is conservative; so I can
7 speculate on what the range of differences were from
8 my memory.

9 Again, I just don't think that is useful
10 when we actually have the information available to
11 look at.

12 Q But you wouldn't need that material in
13 front of you, would you, in order for you to say what
14 you consider the threshold level for conservatism,
15 how many degrees?

16 MR. HENDRIX: I would consider that if
17 the actual number was equal to or less than the
18 predicted number, then anything less than the predicted
19 is conservative.

20 The prediction was then conservative in
21 terms of shift.

22 Q In other words, it could be as small as
23 zero degrees Fahrenheit?

24 MR. HENDRIX: It could be as small as
25 zero degrees Fahrenheit.

1 Q On Page 71 there is another listing of
2 sources. I believe these are the same ones that we
3 were looking at before and are available at Duke?

4 MR. HENDRIX: Yes.

5 Q Are you familiar with the EPRI Report on
6 Reactor Annealing?

7 MR. HENDRIX: Yes, I've scanned that
8 report, not in detail.

9 Q Right, are there any physical provisions
10 in the Catawba--let's make that Oconee first--Oconee
11 instructions that would permit the use of the method-
12 ology as discussed in the EPRI Report, any of the
13 annealing techniques which they discuss?

14 MR. HENDRIX: I couldn't address that
15 question, no.

16 Q Mr. Sharpe, with respect to Catawba, have
17 you information about whether or not the Catawba
18 construction is such that it would facilitate the use
19 of one of those techniques.

20 MR. SHARPE: To the best of my knowledge,
21 there is nothing that would preclude that. However,
22 there is no indication there would be RT NDT shifts
23 based on the present forecast.

24 MR. HENDRIX: I don't know of anything
25 that would preclude annealing to Oconee vessels. To

1 make a determination you would have to look in detail.

2 Q If I understand you correctly, Mr. Sharpe,
3 you are saying that the forecast of 40 actual operating
4 years life for RT NDT at Oconee is such that you
5 anticipate no need to anneal in accord with Part 50?

6 MR. SHARPE: I was referring to Catawba.

7 Q I'm sorry, I meant Catawba.

8 MR. SHARPE: I believe that is correct,
9 could you repeat the question? I was keying on Oconee.

10 (Whereupon, the former question
11 was read by the Court Reporter as
12 follows: "Question: If I understand
13 you correctly, Mr. Sharpe, you are
14 saying that the forecast of 40 actual
15 operating years life for RT NDT at
16 Oconee is such that you anticipate no
17 need to anneal in accord with Part 50?")

18
19 BY MR. RILEY:

20 Q If I understand you correctly then, Mr.
21 Sharpe, your reason for not considering annealing at
22 Catawba is your forecast for a lifetime RT NDT; is
23 that it would fall within Part 50?

24 MR. SHARPE: I think we are saying there
25 was nothing that would preclude annealing. At this

1 time we do not anticipate that it would be necessary
2 to anneal the Catawba vessel during the lifetime based
3 on the expected shift in RT NDT.

4 Q Mr. Sharpe, has the shift, well, let's put
5 that differently: At the time that Oconee was built
6 was there concern with RT NDT increasing over a
7 period of time?

8 MR. SHARPE: Again, I was not involved
9 at that time so I really, I would assume that there
10 was, but I don't know that for sure.

11 Q Would you not expect that tinsel form
12 would have addressed the matter at that time if it
13 were recognized?

14 MR. SHARPE: I really can't comment.

15 Q To your knowledge did anybody in Duke
16 Engineering or Metallurgical Staff know what the
17 RT NDT, know of the time they were fabricated?

18 MR. SHARPE: I believe that information
19 is in the Oconee FSAR.

20 Q That RT NDT was the determining factor--

21 MR. SHARPE: I don't think it was a
22 terminology that was used at that time. It was the
23 subNDT.

24 Q Right, would you explain the difference?

25 MR. SHARPE: I could not.

1 MR. HENDRIX: The best place is in the
2 Welding Research Bulletin 175, which is really the
3 basis for that argument; and that is the clearest
4 place to get the discussions, the difference between
5 those two numbers.

6 Q Mr. Sharpe, do you know if any forecast
7 was made based on RT SubNDT which was obtained
8 for Oconee and its end of operating life value?

9 MR. SHARPE: Yes, there was a curve that
10 shows the end of life, that shows the SubNDT value.

11 Q How does that compare, the present fore-
12 cast for end of life?

13 MR. SHARPE: I cannot comment on that,
14 I'm not really personally familiar with the relation-
15 ship between NDT and SubNDT, to my knowledge.

16 Q Just staying with the SubNDT, has current
17 information or recent information, say 1982, say when
18 the coupons last testing was that were performed--

19 Some of those are pretty recent, aren't
20 they?

21 MR. MCGARRY: I would like the Record
22 to reflect there have been quite a few
23 answers to the effect of I don't know; and
24 our position has been if we had the
25 Westinghouse and B and W individuals here,

1 they would have been much more responsive.

2 But we find ourselves today doing the
3 best we can.

4 MR. RILEY: We appreciate that. We
5 have not persisted in any other areas in
6 which this has been the case.

7 MR. GUILD: Palmetto Alliance
8 requested Counsel to take the telephone
9 Deposition, and the Applicant declined to
10 do that Request; and therefore due to the
11 expense of transporting the Westinghouse
12 Witness to Charlotte or Columbia, we have
13 been unable to take their Deposition.

14 MR. SHARPE: Mr. Riley, I believe
15 in Response to Interrogatory 34 lists the
16 dates of the respective Oconee Surveillance
17 Capsule Reports.

18
19 BY MR. RILEY:

20 Q And it is 1981?

21 MR. SHARPE: Yes.

22 Q And that would be for Oconee III?

23 MR. SHARPE: 1981 for Oconee II, both of
24 them; yes.

25 Q Based on those reports, cannot the NDT

1 value be determined rather than RT NDT?

2 MR. HENDRIX: For some materials, yes.

3 Q For the materials used?

4 MR. HENDRIX: For the materials that are
5 in those capsules, yes.

6 Q Right?

7 MR. HENDRIX: Let me take a step back,
8 I am not sure of that. It depends on how the initial
9 TNDT values were determined. If they were drop
10 weight, tear tests, it would not be a one to one
11 comparison.

12 You could get a number which may be
13 similar, but maybe wouldn't be the same. Again, I
14 don't have detailed knowledge of how the initial
15 toughness numbers on the vessel materials and weld
16 numbers were obtained, so I really don't know how we
17 could compare.

18 Q Do you know if the drop weight was used
19 for qualifying some of the materials in Catawba Units?

20 MR. HENDRIX: I really don't have specific
21 information, I would have to look and see what was
22 used.

23 Q The information was given in the SER, as
24 a matter of fact, five exceptions are provided with
25 respect to types of testing done on reactor materials.

1 which means that at least as I would interpret it,
2 that the NRC feels able to convert numbers given by
3 one test procedure to another?

4 MR. HENDRIX: Yes.

5 Q And if we accept that premise--

6 MR. HENDRIX: I said that that would not
7 be a one to one comparison, but you could get a
8 comparison; yes.

9 Q For the materials in those capsules?

10 MR. HENDRIX: For the materials in those
11 capsules.

12 Q If we accept that for the materials in those
13 capsules, how does the current forecast for end of
14 life rather than TNDT compare with that initial fore-
15 cast?

16 MR. HENDRIX: Again, I go back; the best
17 way to look at that is to get those reports and do
18 that comparison.

19 I can't do that, myself, now.

20 Q Of your own personal knowledge, you don't
21 have a recollection of those two sets of values and
22 how they compare?

23 MR. HENDRIX: No.

24 Q Do you, Mr. Sharpe?

25 MR. SHARPE: No, I can't.

1 Q I am now picking up Applicant's Responses
2 dated March 25, 1983. I am looking at Response to
3 Item Two on Page Thirty-Eight, and Mr. Hendrix,
4 your initials follow this Response.

5 The first sentence reads, "The reason that
6 the RT SubNDT values experienced at Oconee have
7 deviated, if they have from the original predicted
8 values, is set forth in the documents listed below."

9 And I wondered why you phrased the
10 sentence as you did, "if they had."

11 MR. HENDRIX: Because I didn't go through
12 and do a detailed, point by point comparison of each
13 to determine whether or not there were deviations;
14 and I wasn't sure whether there had been.

15 Again, I could go back to my answer that
16 the best way to look at those things is to look at the
17 actual reports and do the comparisons for yourself.

18 It is there in a single table.

19 Q Okay, thank you.

20 MR. GUILD: Counsel, we are talking
21 about a simple answer that appears on a
22 single page of documents.

23 We can save ourselves a lot of trouble
24 and have a clear answer to a narrow
25 question if Mr. Ouellette or Mr. Sharpe can

1 help me out with where the documents are,
2 I will go fetch them.

3 MR. MCGARRY: We can reflect that
4 we have now carried in from the Document
5 Room all of the materials that have been
6 produced so far on Contention 44; and they
7 are available here to us today.

8 MR. RILEY: I would like to inquire
9 of Duke's Counsel considering the volume
10 of this material, which is approximately
11 two inches, might it not be more expeditious
12 if I will go through it, and if there is
13 something that will prove useful, to bring
14 it up at a later date rather than take it up
15 at this point?

16 MR. MCGARRY: Certainly, let me
17 state our position. Our position is this
18 material has been available in this room
19 and discovery closes on this subject on
20 May 20; and that is next Friday.

21 MR. RILEY: I think your point is
22 well taken.

23
24 BY MR. RILEY:

25 Q What in the NRC document, itself, there,

1 responds to our Discovery dated December 18, and I
2 am not holding you responsible for what the NRC says,
3 but there is a sentence here that involves you, and
4 perhaps you can enlighten me on it.

5 On Page 86 of this particular file, and you
6 are welcome to look at this sentence, "Final design
7 details," this is in the context of considering over-
8 cooling and overpressurization events, "Final design
9 details will be reflected in plant technical specifi-
10 cations."

11 Can you tell us what the status of that is,
12 Mr. Sharpe?

13 MR. SHARPE: No, I think you have to ask
14 the NRC Staff about that.

15 Q Is it true that the design details on dealing
16 with overcooling and overpressurization were not
17 complete as of December 18 last year; and if it is,
18 are they complete now?

19 MR. SHARPE: We have addressed Cask A49,
20 Pressurized Thermal Shock, in the Catawba FSAR. I
21 really couldn't comment on it beyond that.

22 Q As far as you know, there are no outstanding
23 requests from staff with respect to your responses?

24 MR. SHARPE: Correct.

25 Q On Page 87 is an Interrogatory that Duke

1 was also presented with, "What is warm prestressing?
2 Will this process be used on the Catawba reactors?"

3 As I recall, the Response was warm
4 prestressing was a phenomenon, not a process; and
5 Mr. Hendrix is in agreement with that statement?

6 MR. HENDRIX: Yes.

7 Q However, the NRC treats it as if it were
8 a process; and will you tell us what the NRC had in
9 mind, Mr. Hendrix, in making its Response which I
10 hand to you?

11 MR. HENDRIX: I certainly cannot address
12 the phenomena of warm prestressing. That is much
13 better addressed by the person from Westinghouse
14 who would have come.

15 Q Would you now take the position that in the
16 minds of some people warm prestressing is a process
17 as well as a phenomenon?

18 MR. HENDRIX: I really can't discuss that
19 in any detail. I guess no comment on that.

20 Q One sentence there which I can't understand,
21 and perhaps you can help me, "Warm prestressing was
22 not used for evaluating the reactor vessel integrity
23 of Catawba Units One and Two."

24 MR. HENDRIX: Again, Ted Meyer from
25 Westinghouse, who would have been here, is the person

1 to answer that question. He is completely capable of
2 doing that.

3 Q The same page, in Response to Interrogatory
4 Nine about training for handling overcooling and over-
5 pressurization transients, "Improvements in training
6 and operating procedures concerning overcooling and
7 overpressurization are under development by the
8 Staff."

9 Have you any familiarity with this, Mr.
10 Sharpe or Mr. Hendrix?

11 MR. HENDRIX: Well, I think we could say
12 that improvements in training and operating procedures
13 were an outgrowth of TMI, which we have addressed.

14 The operating procedures in response to
15 NUREG 737, Item 1C1, I believe we certainly
16 provided copies of those procedures to the Intervenor.

17 Q Would you agree, Mr. Hendrix, to an NRC
18 Response which reads, "Longitudinal welds are not
19 preferable to circumferential welds in maintaining
20 the reactor vessel integrity. The stress intensity
21 factors from the longitudinal RN crack under
22 pressurized thermal shock condition, which would be
23 greater than the stress intensity factor from a
24 circumferential oriented crack."

25 The law that applies stress intensity factor

1 is less likely a brittle factor?

2 MR. HENDRIX: I really cannot respond to
3 that.

4 Q If these questions are outside your domain
5 of technical operations, why please so indicate. If
6 you have a temperature differential between the inside
7 diameter and the outside diameter of 250 degrees,
8 meaning that the inside is hotter than the outside by
9 250 degrees, would you be able to tell me what the
10 stresses at belt line would be at the inside diameter
11 and at the outside diameter; and where the neutral
12 plane would be located?

13 MR. HENDRIX: I would not.

14 Q The same answer would be true for stresses
15 perpendicular to the plane of the belt line?

16 MR. HENDRIX: Yes.

17 Q Can you tell me what the coefficient of
18 thermal expansion is as a function of temperature for
19 the materials in the reactor for the range of life
20 to 600 degrees Fahrenheit?

21 MR. HENDRIX: I cannot personally tell
22 you that now.

23 Q Do you have any tabular material that would
24 enable you to say?

25 MR. HENDRIX: I feel certain that I could

1 find that material; yes, sir.

2 Q You could find that?

3 MR. HENDRIX: Yes.

4 Q With respect to variances and thermal
5 coefficient property, do you think that the literature
6 you would have available to you would give information
7 as to the variance coefficient of expansion; for example,
8 for plate to plate over the operating temperature
9 range?

10 MR. HENDRIX: I think the information that
11 I would have readily available would not speak to the
12 variance.

13 If one wanted to do a more detailed look,
14 you could probably come up with that.

15 Q Are you familiar with the effect of fluence
16 on thermal coefficients?

17 MR. HENDRIX: No.

18 Q You would disregard this as irrelevant or
19 is it possibly an important question?

20 MR. HENDRIX: I cannot respond; I have
21 absolutely no information on the effect of effluence
22 on thermal shock expansion coefficients.

23 Q Did the reactor vessel that was used on
24 Catawba One originate outside of, and I can't pronounce
25 it, De Rotterdamme Drodgdak Mattschappu N. V. --

1 good try.

2 MR. MCGARRY: Better than I could
3 do.

4 MR. SHARPE: I believe we have
5 identified in the FSAR and Responses who
6 made the vessels, if that is what you are
7 asking.

8
9 BY MR. RILEY:

10 Q Specifically did it originate in a combustion
11 engineering division in Indiana? It provided a number
12 of vessels to the Rotterdam organization at one time.

13 I want to know if this is one of them.

14 MR. SHARPE: I don't have any specific
15 knowledge of that.

16 Q Do you think there is anything in the FSAR
17 about it?

18 MR. SHARPE: I think the FSAR or the
19 Interrogatory Responses indicate who the vessel
20 manufacturer was.

21 I believe there was a line of questions on
22 that.

23 Q Well, that is the Rotterdam concern, but
24 I'm asking for the history of the vessel because I
25 know of a number of engineering vessels by Rotterdam.

1 MR. SHARPE: I am not familiar with that.

2 Q Can you tell us a little something, Mr.
3 Hendrix, about warm prestresses in a semi-quantitative
4 way; namely, done at temperatures above RT NDT; and
5 is it different as the temperature increment above
6 RT NDT increases?

7 MR. HENDRIX: Warm prestressing is,
8 again, is a complex technical phenomena, and though I
9 have a rudimentary understanding of it, I believe
10 anything I would say would only serve to further
11 confuse if you are slightly confused now.

12 I could not explain in any detail warm
13 prestressing. To go to get those details you would
14 have to go to those personnel who are well versed
15 in prestressing.

16 They are available.

17 Q What are the terms of art used in limiting
18 reactor vessel materials? Would you define that
19 term?

20 MR. HENDRIX: Limiting reactor vessel
21 materials means looking at those materials, and you
22 have to look at a number of parameters, the level of
23 effluence, the copper, nickel, phosphorus, various
24 other parameters that would make this material
25 limited with respect to embrittlement over the life of

1 the plant.

2 Q Let's see if I understand that: If you have
3 several types of material in a reactor, you have plates
4 and welds and perhaps some other materials in there;
5 and the copper contents differ, and effluent levels
6 differ, the limited material would be the one that
7 would show the highest rise in the RT NDT, or would
8 show the highest terminal RT NDT projected for the
9 life of the plant, would show the highest terminal
10 RT NDT?

11 MR. HENDRIX: That would be essentially
12 correct. I think the third factor one has to develop
13 is the stress of it, a stress analysis test of the
14 vessel.

15 Q And a flange would be a different story
16 than a belt line, for example?

17 MR. HENDRIX: I assume it is.

18 Q I am simply thinking of how large it is.
19 Now I want to ask questions about Applicant's Responses
20 --you made a distinction between a flaw and a crack
21 in Response to Interrogatory One.

22 Would you tell us in more logical terms
23 what the difference is?

24 MR. HENDRIX: No, I really couldn't say.

25 Q Am I to conclude there is no difference

1 between a flaw and a crack?

2 MR. HENDRIX: No, a flaw is a broad
3 range of defects. It could include a crack, a rounded
4 occlusion, a lap, any kind of flaw.

5 Q All right, you have read the reports on the
6 ultrasonic testing performed on the three Oconee units?

7 MR. HENDRIX: In detail, no; I have looked
8 at the results, at a summary of the results. That
9 isn't really my job to look at those in any detail.

10 Q You wouldn't be able to comment then if
11 I said that ultrasonic testing on one of the units
12 showed a crack a quarter of an inch deep?

13 MR. HENDRIX: Not specifically, I certainly
14 would not except to refer you to those documents
15 that are on file in the QA Vault, which show there
16 were no unacceptable indications found in any, and I
17 assume you are talking about Oconee, in any of the
18 recent inspections within the last year, year and a-half.

19 Q The SER states that procedures used in
20 welding a reactor as such, as to have a reasonable
21 expectation of not forming any micro-cracks.

22 Are you familiar with that?

23 MR. HENDRIX: No, I am not familiar with
24 that statement.

25 Q This is part of the regulations pertaining

1 to a welding reactor vessel. It applies to placing the
2 cladding and effects on the sub-cladding, and these
3 procedures are all aimed at avoiding formation of
4 cracks and micro-cracks.

5 I believe you will find in your reports on
6 the ultrasonic testing of the Oconee reactors, the
7 ultrasonically designed presence of cracks in welds
8 in at least one of the Oconee reactors.

9 What I want to ask you is how did you get
10 from a condition of no crack to crack, if at all times
11 you have been involved the mill ductility reference
12 temperature --

13 MR. HENDRIX: I cannot respond to that
14 except to say again we would have to go back and look
15 at specifically what indications you are talking about
16 and reiterate that there were no unacceptable indications
17 in the Oconee vessels.

18 There were no indications that were referred
19 to as cracks. As I remember the discussion specifically
20 again, I am not aware of what you are specifically
21 referring to; but the discussions as I remember them
22 referred to the indications as likely fabrication flaws,
23 not service induced flaws.

24 Q Are you familiar with Mr. Foss' Answer
25 to the last of the CESG Interrogatories, the last in

1 number, the very last one?

2 MR. HENDRIX: The very last one, I just
3 scanned these, not in detail. I mean I have read it.

4 Q Now, of your own knowledge, are you
5 familiar with the high pressure injection, long nozzle
6 cracking of Oconee?

7 MR. HENDRIX: I am familiar with it in
8 a general sense.

9 Q Can you tell us what detailed knowledge you
10 have of it, the specifics of your knowledge?

11 MR. HENDRIX: I would have to resurrect
12 from memory the work that was done on that
13 particular failure, and I would rather not do that.

14 Again, I think that would be, I am not sure
15 I can resurrect it in accurate detail. I do remember
16 the incident.

17 Q Can you give us a reference to a full
18 account?

19 MR. HENDRIX: I would have to go and
20 look. Also, I believe I should say this: That failure
21 was reported to the NRC in some detail, so that
22 information is available.

23 I am not sure what other information is
24 available, but I do know there was a final report
25 on that particular failure.

1 MR. RILEY: Perhaps Counsel could
2 tell us whether those documents are avail-
3 able here in Charlotte.

4 MR. CARR: I have no idea, it is the
5 first I've heard of it, if I understood what
6 I heard.

7 You see, I have a little bit of
8 difficulty understanding how it is relevant
9 to this Contention.

10 MR. RILEY: Well, our view is that
11 if the state of the art was not such at that
12 time that Oconee was fabricated as to
13 anticipate and prevent certain types of
14 defects, it is a reasonable question as to
15 whether or not the state of art is now such
16 as to similarly anticipate and prevent such
17 defects.

18 MR. CARR: Without getting into an
19 overly technical debate, what is the
20 Contention between--did you say high
21 pressure injection nozzle and a reactor
22 belt line?

23 MR. HENDRIX: Belt line flaw is what
24 we were discussing.

25 MR. RILEY: They both involved

1 welding of similarly clad materials.

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3 BY MR. RILEY:

4 Q Mr. Markey raised some questions regarding
5 pressurized thermal shock in his letter of February 15,
6 and this is 1983; and the NRC, which received this
7 letter, has made a Response, and in the discussion
8 on Oconee, one of Duke Power Company was involved
9 in providing design and operating data and reviewing
10 the accuracy of analytical models; and it is apparent
11 that the situation was complex.

12 It was used in the Contention of Risk
13 Analysis and modeling to forecast levels of risk at
14 specific levels of risk; and I would like to know if
15 either of you is familiar with that work?

16 MR. HENDRIX: No.

17 MR. SHARPE: I am not.

18 Q You have not seen the document?

19 MR. HENDRIX: Not to my knowledge.

20 MR. SHARPE: No.

21 Q Have you heard before of this program,
22 PTS Risk Program?

23 MR. HENDRIX: I am not directly involved
24 with the PTS.

25 Q Right, but have you heard before of the

1 program?

2 MR. HENDRIX: Specifically the PTS Risk
3 Program, not to my knowledge; no.

4 Q How about you?

5 MR. SHARPE: No.

6 Q Who in the company would be dealing with
7 that problem and supplying this information to the
8 NRC Staff?

9 MR. SHARPE: On Oconee?

10 Q Yes, Oconee One.

11 MR. SHARPE: Actually supplying information
12 or transmitting it to the NRC?

13 Q Supplying and transmitting are both
14 involved.

15 MR. SHARPE: I would assume a lot of
16 that information would come from Babcocks and
17 Wilcox, but I don't have any specific knowledge.

18 Q Well, the language of this letter is, I
19 believe this is over Charlie Talmadenes' signature,
20 that Duke provided information.

21 MR. HENDRIX: We are just not aware of
22 who did or would have.

23 MR. GUILD: For the Record, this is
24 a March 24, 1983, letter from the Chairman
25 of the Commission to Representative Markey.

1 and one of the enclosures to the letter is
2 a staff, NRC Staff discussion of the
3 subject of PTS, which makes the reference
4 to Duke and the Oconee Unit as one of three
5 subject plants; and Duke Power as one of
6 the submitters of data to the Staff for
7 Response to Representative Markey, and
8 perhaps that might clarify enough or
9 examination of the document might help the
10 Witnesses respond.

11 MR. HENDRIX: I think I know the
12 program that you are talking about, but I
13 really cannot say who actually supplied the
14 data.

15 It would be a number of people because
16 the data involved would have been from
17 several different areas, some from B and W,
18 some from Duke.

19 Again, I think I know the program you
20 are talking about, but I am not positive.

21 MR. SHARPE: Design and operating
22 data, the design information would likely
23 come from Babcocks and Wilcox and the
24 operating data would come from Duke.

25 MR. GUILD: Counsel, perhaps for

1 additional clarification perhaps the Witnesses
2 can identify who would likely know the
3 answer and who would be responsible for
4 that report or that information.

5 MR. CARR: I thought I heard them
6 say they did not know.

7 MR. SHARPE: I assume if it came
8 from Duke to NRC it would be in our
9 corporate files.

10 We keep everything in our files that
11 we send to NRC.

12 MR. GUILD: Is there somebody who
13 would be more responsible who would know
14 the answer to the question?

15 MR. SHARPE: If we had sent this
16 information specifically or--

17 MR. GUILD: Or where we could find
18 it.

19 MR. CARR: Again, not to be difficult,
20 I thought I heard Mr. Sharpe and Mr.
21 Hendrix say they did not know; and I don't
22 know.

23 It is ten minutes past 7:00 at night,
24 and I can't go make a phone call to find
25 out who has it.

1 MR. GUILD: Mr. Hendrix, do you
2 know who might have that information or
3 have it available?

4 MR. HENDRIX: I don't know now who
5 did, but I know who to go ask.

6 MR. GUILD: Who can you ask?

7 MR. HENDRIX: I would start with
8 the Head of Licensing and it would be under
9 his responsibility somewhere.

10 MR. GUILD: Fine. Gentlemen, thank
11 you very much; that is all the questions
12 I have.

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