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Docket No. 50-285

Mr. W. C. Jones
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Dear Mr. Jones:

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The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 73 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-40 for the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) in response to your application dated November 18, 1982 as supplemented by letter dated March 11, 1983.

The amendment deletes the interim special technical specification regarding operation with less than 75% of incore detector strings operable.

We have agreed to delete the interim special TS regarding operation with less than 75% of incore detector strings operable because the specification was applicable only for Cycle 6 operations, and Cycle 6 operations have been completed. We did not agree to allow permanent operations with less than 75% of the incore detector strings operable because failure of over 25% of the incore detectors will not only decrease the quality of the overall power distribution information but also hinder the ability to accurately determine possible reactivity anomalies. We do agree to consider interim changes allowing operations with less than 75% incore detector strings operable on a specific cycle basis and only if needed to complete a cycle. We estimate that if such a change were needed, it would occur in mid-cycle at the earliest. This corresponds to a burnup when the radial peaking factors have decreased to low enough values so that the application of additional uncertainties still would provide sufficient margin to TS limits.

Copies of the Safety Evaluation and the Notice of Issuance are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Robert A. Clark, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #3 Division of Licensing

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 73 to DPR-40

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Notice of Receipt of Application for English License/s	
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☐ Notice of Availability of NRC Draft/Final Environmental	Statement.
☐ Notice of Limited Work Authorization.	
☐ Notice of Availability of Safety Evaluation Report.	
☐ Notice of Issuance of Construction Permit(s).	
☐ Notice of Issuance of Facility Operating License(s) or A	mendment(s).
Other: Amendment No. 73	
Referenced documents have been prov	rided PDR.

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