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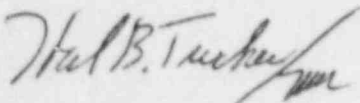
Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station  
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Sir:

By a letter dated August 19, 1987, the NRC had issued a Confirmatory Order which established interim maximum allowable power levels and corresponding changes to the RPS high-flux trip setpoint for Oconee Unit 2 while the Lake was at temperature in excess of 75°F and while the Low Pressure Injection (LPI) System and Reactor Building Cooling Unit (RBCU) coolers were in a degraded mode. One of the provisions of the August 19, 1987 Confirmatory Order was that the Region II Regional Administrator had to approve the LPI and RBCU coolers for full power operation prior to the beginning of Cycle 10 for Unit 2.

During the upcoming Unit 2 refueling outage, the LPI and RBCU coolers will be cleaned. After cleaning, the RBCU and LPI coolers will be tested and evaluated by Duke, then approved for full power operation by Region II prior to exceeding 5% Full Power. Duke requests the Region's concurrence with the above action by March 15, 1988.

Very truly yours,



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