

December 9, 1999

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SUBJECT: FINAL SUPPLEMENT 2 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT ON OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

Dear Mr. Tuckman:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the plant-specific Supplement 2 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants," (GEIS) regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55 for an additional 20 years of operation at the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3. Enclosed is a copy of the report (Enclosure 1).

As discussed in Section 9.3 of this report, the staff concludes:

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A notice of filing of the Final Environmental Impact Statement will be placed in the Federal Register through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,
/s/ Thomas Kenyon

for: James H. Wilson, Senior Project Manager
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Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287

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