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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-269, 270, and 287
Technical Specification Bases Changes

Please find attached revisions to Bases of Technical Specification B 3.4.14 which was approved by Station Management on December 10, 1999. This change was implemented on December 10, 1999, also. The change enhances the Bases of TS 3.4.14 to clarify that while performing testing in accordance with SR 3.4.14.1, test activities, including contingencies, may be performed prior to declaring a PIV inoperable.

Attachment 1 contains the new Technical Specification Bases pages and Attachment 2 contains the markup version of the Bases pages.

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Attachment 1

BASES

SURVEILLANCE
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SR 3.4.14.1 (continued)

Entry into MODES 3 and 4 is allowed to establish the necessary differential pressures and stable conditions to allow for performance of this Surveillance. The Note that allows this provision is complimentary to the Frequency of prior to entry into MODE 2 whenever the unit has been in MODE 5 for 7 days or more, if leakage testing has not been performed in the previous 9 months. In addition, this Surveillance is not required to be performed on the LPI System when the LPI System is aligned to the RCS in the decay heat removal mode of operation. PIVs contained in the DHR flow path must be leakage rate tested after DHR is secured and stable unit conditions and the necessary differential pressures are established. For the purposes of meeting this SR, test activities including contingencies may be performed prior to declaring a PIV inoperable. A PIV will be considered "in testing" until the test procedure is complete, or the test coordinator determines that further test contingencies would not be expected to produce an acceptable result.

REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 50.2.
2. 10 CFR 50.55a(c).
3. NRC letter to DPC, "Order for Modification of License Concerning Primary Coolant System Pressure Isolation Valves," dated April 20, 1981.
4. NUREG-75/014, Appendix V, October 1975.
5. NUREG-0677, NRC, May 1980.
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TS Bases B 3.4.14

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