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SUBJECT: DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION RE: EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR
MATERIAL BALANCE REPORT - OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2,
AND 3

Dear Mr. Culp:

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The staff has reviewed your request and concluded that good cause has been shown for delaying the submittal of the reports for Oconee. Therefore, the staff finds that delaying the submittal that was due by October 30, 2000, until November 30, 2000, is acceptable. The staff is concerned, however, that your request was not submitted in a timely manner; i.e., well after the end of the report period and the filing date.

Sincerely,

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