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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station  
Docket Numbers 50-269, 270, and 287  
Review of Preliminary Accident Sequence Precursor  
Analysis of Operational Condition (TAC Nos. MB1459,  
MB1460, and MB1461)

In a letter dated March 28, 2001, the NRC provided a copy of a preliminary Accident Sequence Precursor (ASP) Program analysis of an operational condition that was identified at Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3 on February 24, 1999, for Duke Energy Corporation's (Duke) review and comment.

The ASP Program analysis letter requests that Duke review the analysis and submit comments within 60 calendar days. This allows Duke the opportunity to provide input into the assumptions and modeling used by the NRC to reach their decisions. It is very important for Duke to respond to the ASP Program analysis letter; however, Duke is currently working on extensive modeling to facilitate their response to the NRC. The modeling requires additional time than what was originally provided in the preliminary letter. Thereby, Duke requests that the response due date be extended from June 4, 2001 (60 days from receipt) until July 20, 2001.

If there are any questions, please contact Reene' Gambrell at 864-885-3364.

Very truly yours,

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