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Attention: Document Control Desk
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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
SQUG Resolution of USI A-46
(Generic Letter 87-02)
Expected completion of SQUG outliers

On May 22, 1992, the NRC Staff issued Generic Letter 87-02, Supplement 1, transmitting the Generic Implementation Procedure (GIP). Adherence to the GIP would provide seismic verification of nuclear plant equipment for the resolution of USI A-46.

Due to the large scope of the USI A-46 project at Oconee, Duke reviewed all outliers and established a plan for resolution. In a series of letters (dated September 21, 1992, October 3, 1995, December 30, 1996, March 31, 1997, December 15, 1997, and June 30, 1998), Duke communicated to the NRC information on status and expected completion dates for resolution of SQUG outliers.

In the most recent letter, dated June 30, 1998, Duke notified the NRC that all outliers then remaining among the Oconee SSEL items would be resolved by the end of Innage 73 (the Innage 73 end date, which coincides with the end of Unit 1 End Of Cycle 20 refueling outage, was then scheduled for June 2, 2002). In addition, Duke would submit a completion letter within 120 days of the end of Innage 73. This commitment has been unchanged since that point.

The end of Innage 73 is now estimated to be April 20, 2002. By this date, all 838 outliers identified in the previous submittals will be resolved with the exception of two (2) outliers to be resolved by modifications awaiting

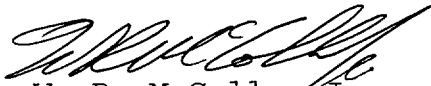
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implementation. These two modifications have been designed, and are scheduled for completion of implementation by September 17, 2002. Duke will submit a completion letter to the Staff within the following 120 days, i.e. by January 15, 2003.

Please address any questions on this submittal to Randy Todd at (864) 885-3418.

Very truly yours,



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