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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-269, 270, and 287
Response to Request for Additional Information on
Supplement 1 to Improved Technical Specifications
Submittal

By letter dated April 9, 1998, the NRC transmitted a request for additional information related to Supplement 1 of the proposed Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) submitted by Duke Energy on March 26, 1998. Enclosure 1 of this letter provides responses to the comments related to Supplement 1. Immediately following the staff comments are changes to the ITS submittal necessary to resolve the staff's comment and supplement the initial ITS submittal. Changes are denoted by revision bars to facilitate staff review.

The pages provided in Enclosure 1 in this response replace the corresponding pages in the October 28, 1997 submittal, and Supplement 1 provided March 26, 1998.

Enclosure 2 is provided to transmit pages that were inadvertently omitted from the Supplement 1 submittal or are needed to update the ITS submittal due to repagination.

In accordance with Duke administrative procedures and the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report, Supplement 1 changes have been discussed with representatives of the Oconee Plant Operations Review Committee and the Nuclear Safety Review Board and determined to be within the scope of the original review.

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Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(b)(1), a copy of this amendment has been provided to the appropriate State of South Carolina officials.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Noel Clarkson at (864) 885-3077.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. R. McCollum, Jr.', is written over a horizontal line.

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W. R. McCollum, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President, Oconee Nuclear Site, Duke Energy Corporation, that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, DPR-55; and that all the statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



W. R. McCollum, Jr., Vice President
Oconee Nuclear Site

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of
May, 1998


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ENCLOSURE 1
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Staff Comment:

The modifications to Specifications 2.1.1.1 and 2.1.1.2 should have resulted in some corresponding change to update the Bases. However, no changes to the Bases were submitted with Supplement 1. It is incumbent upon Duke Energy Corporation to keep the Bases up-to-date now and subsequently after the ITS are issued. Bases Section 2.1.1 should be updated to reflect the Supplement 1 changes to the specifications noted above.

DEC Response:

The changes to Specifications 2.1.1.1 and 2.1.1.2 did not result in additional information being required in the Bases. A discussion of the methods of compliance already existed in the Bases which supports the change to the Technical Specifications. Therefore, no changes were required. Refer to the last two paragraphs of ONS ITS Bases Page B 2.0-3.

2. Staff Comment:

The change to Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.1.8 Applicability poses the question that if a physics test is initiated in Mode 3, and during the test Mode 2 is entered, the LCO would not apply since the test was not initiated in Mode 2. This means that the exceptions that are permitted by the LCO would not apply, and consequently, more restrictive requirements of the excepted list of LCOs would apply. Is this really what is desired by the wording of the Applicability as "initiated" during Mode 2? Does the Bases make this situation clear?

DEC Response:

Physics tests are not initiated until the reactor is critical. Since the reactor is not critical in MODE 3, the more restrictive requirements postulated for physic tests initiated in MODE 3 do not apply.

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3. Staff Comment:

The change to Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.2.1.3 is not consistent with the preceding SRs, which state "within the limit as specified" not "within the limit specified." Consistent wording should be used. (Since this is a minor edit, the staff suggests that you only change the ITS.)

DEC Response:

SR 3.2.1.3 has been revised to be consistent with the preceding SRs. Only the ITS has been revised.

4. Staff Comment:

Specification 4.2.2 defines the acronym CRA as "CONTROL ROD Assemblies (CRA)." The correct form should be CONTROL ROD Assemblies (CRAs) so that the singular form can be used as "One CRA was..." and has the correct tense in not meaning, by substitution of the acronym, "One CONTROL ROD Assemblies was..."

DEC Response:

Specification 4.2.2 has been revised as suggested. Only the ITS page has been revised as suggested in previous comment.

5. Staff Comment:

On revised ITS page 5.0-22, the strike-out parenthesis should have been removed.

DEC Response:

Strike-out parenthesis has been removed.

6. Staff Comment:

Should the first paragraph under Specification 5.5.12 include the penetration room ventilation system as well as the control room ventilation system Booster Fan Trains as complying to the testing frequencies specified in Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 2?

DEC Response:

Yes. First sentence of ONS ITS Specification 5.5.12 has been revised to be consistent with NUREG Markup.