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reference to Code Case N-640.

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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
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Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications
Pressure-Temperature Operating Curves
Technical Specification Change No. 99-02

Reference: Letter, WR McCollum, to USNRC Document
Control Desk, same subject, dated May 11,
1999.

By the referenced letter, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted a request to amend the Technical Specifications for Oconee Nuclear Station for Units 1, 2, and 3. This proposed amendment would revise the pressure-temperature limits of Technical Specifications (TS) 3.4.3, and the limits of TS 3.4.12, Low Temperature Overpressure Protection (LTOP) System.

The changes described in the application rely in part on an American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Case identified in the application as N-626, "Alternative Reference Fracture Toughness for Development of P-T Limit Curves for Section XI, Division 1), dated September 18, 1998. The application also requested an exemption to use Code Case N-626 pursuant to 10 CFR 50.60(b) and CFR 50.12.

Duke has been informed that Code Case N-626 was redesignated by ASME as N-640 and the approval date changed to February 26, 1999, while being prepared for publication. Publication of the Code Case is anticipated in June of 1999 with later distribution. All references in the amendment application to Code Case N-626 should be understood as a

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reference to Code Case N-640. The Code Case usage in the development of the revised limits is described in the Technical Justification (Attachment 3) of the application. The Code Case is provided as Enclosure 2 to Attachment 3. Duke will notify the NRC should the published version of Code Case N-640 differ from the above description.

If there are any questions regarding the above information, please contact Robert Douglas at 864-885-3073.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. R. McCollum, Jr.", written in dark ink.

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