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To: Manual Holders

Subject: Oconee Selected Licensee Commitments Manual (SLC)
Revision

On August 5, 1999, Station Management approved revision to SLC 16.9.3 to be implemented on August 5, 1999. This revision to SLC 16.9.3 modifies the SLC to eliminate the requirement to establish a continuous fire watch when the Keowee CO₂ System is inoperable and the associated KHU is inoperable. An hourly fire watch patrol is required by SLC 16.9.6 when required fire detection equipment is inoperable. The continuous fire watch continues to be required when the associated KHU is OPERABLE.

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16.9 AUXILIARY SYSTEMS

16.9.3 Keowee CO₂ Systems

COMMITMENT The automatic CO₂ system provided for the generators at Keowee Hydro Station shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: At all times.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Keowee CO ₂ System inoperable and associated KHU OPERABLE.	A.1 Establish continuous fire watch with backup fire suppression equipment in the area.	1 hour
B. Keowee CO ₂ System inoperable and associated KHU inoperable.	B.1 Establish backup fire suppression equipment in the area.	1 hour

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 16.9.3.1 Verify each valve in the flow path is in its correct position.	31 days
SR 16.9.3.2 Verify CO ₂ storage tank weight is \geq 90% full charge weight.	184 days
SR 16.9.3.3 Verify system actuates manually and automatically upon receipt of a simulated action signal.	18 month

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 16.9.3.4 Perform flow test through headers and nozzles to assure no blockage.	18 months

BASES

The OPERABILITY of the NRC committed Keowee CO₂ Fire Suppression System ensures that adequate fire suppression capability is available to protect safety-related equipment by confining and extinguishing fires occurring in the Keowee electric generators. The regulatory requirement is to have the Keowee CO₂ Fire Suppression System OPERABLE only when the equipment it is protecting is required OPERABLE for plant safety, however to also protect the equipment for property conservation and minimize equipment loss due to a fire; the Keowee CO₂ Fire Suppression System will be required OPERABLE at all times.

The Fire Suppression System consists of the water system, spray and/or sprinklers, Keowee CO₂ system and fire hose stations. The collective capability of the Fire Suppression Systems is adequate to minimize potential damage to safety-related equipment and is a major element in the facility fire protection program.

In the event that portions of the Fire Suppression Systems are inoperable, alternate backup fire-fighting equipment is required to be made available in the affected areas until the inoperable equipment is restored to service. The Testing Requirements provide assurance that the minimum OPERABILITY requirements of the Fire Suppression Systems are met.

This Selected Licensee Commitment is part of the Oconee Fire Protection Program and therefore subject to the provisions of Oconee Facility Operating License Conditions.

REFERENCES:

1. Oconee UFSAR, Chapter 9.5-1.
2. Oconee Fire Protection SER dated August 11, 1978.
3. Oconee Fire Protection Review, as revised.
4. Oconee Plant Design Basis Specification for Fire Protection, as revised.