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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. In a letter dated September 21, 1992, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) stated that the GIP would be implemented at Oconee Nuclear Station by December 31, 1995.

In a letter dated October 3, 1995, Duke updated the NRC Staff on the progress of the resolution to USI A-46 and revised the submittal date for the USI A-46 report to December 31, 1996. A partial USI A-46 report was submitted as an attachment to a letter dated December 30, 1996.

In the letter dated December 30, 1996, Duke indicated that the expected date for submittal of the remaining portion of the USI A-46 report would be provided to the NRC by March 31, 1997. Duke's letter to the NRC dated March 31, 1997, stated that the balance of the USI A-46 submittal would be made by December 15, 1997.

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In a letter dated December 15, 1997, Duke submitted the remaining portions of the USI A-46 seismic adequacy evaluations for Oconee Nuclear Station. This letter also discussed outliers and committed to provide, by June 30, 1998, an expected completion date for SQUG outliers.

After review and evaluation of the necessary work scope, Duke now expects to resolve all outliers identified in the partial submittal of December 30, 1996 addressing the Oconee Emergency Power Path and in the final submittal of December 15, 1997 addressing the remainder of the Oconee SSEL items by the end of INNAGE73 (the INNAGE73 end date, which coincides with the end of Unit 1 End Of Cycle 20 refueling outage, is currently scheduled for June 2, 2002). In addition, Duke will submit a completion letter within 120 days of the end of INNAGE73. All outliers have been reviewed and prioritized with respect to their PRA significance.

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

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