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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket Numbers 50-269, - 270, and - 287
Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications
Technical Specification Change # 95-03

In letters dated July 15, 1997; March 3, 1998; April 13, 1998; June 16, 1998; July 1, 1998 and October 26, 1998, Duke submitted a proposed amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) Technical Specifications to address the newly installed main steam line break (MSLB) detection circuitry.

The October 26, 1998 correspondence proposed a quarterly frequency for the test of the Main Steam Header Pressure and MSLB detection analog channels after implementation of the modifications which are necessary to provide on-line testing capability. (Testing will be performed on an 18 month frequency until implementation of the modifications.) In a phone conversation on November 4, 1998, the staff requested a revision to the quarterly testing frequency. In response to this request, Duke proposes to perform the testing at a monthly frequency after completion of the modifications. The proposed monthly testing frequency is consistent with operating experience, with regard to channel OPERABILITY and drift, which demonstrates that failure of more than one channel of a given function in a monthly interval is a rare event. Additionally, this frequency is consistent with the requirement for testing instrumentation with comparable functions in NUREG-1430, Revision 1 (3.3.11, "Emergency Feedwater Initiation and Control (EFIC) System Instrumentation.") as well as similar instrumentation in the ONS current technical specifications (CTS) for similar

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instrumentation (e.g., Engineered Safeguard Protective System (ESPS) analog instrumentation).

Attachment 1 provides a revised retyped Technical Specification Page. Attachment 2 provides a revised Technical Specification Markup page. These revised pages replace the associated pages in previous submittals. The changes represented in the attached supplemental Technical Specification pages do not impact the original No Significant Hazards Consideration or the Environmental Impact Analysis. These changes will be appropriately incorporated into an Improved Technical Specification (ITS) supplement package.

Dukes finds a License Condition acceptable to reflect Duke's commitment to implement modifications that would add test circuitry to the MSLB protection circuitry. These modifications provide for testing at power for Unit 1 during 1EOC19, Unit 2 during 2EOC17 and Unit 3 during 3EOC18.

If there are any additional questions, please call Renee' Gambrell at (864) 885-3364.

Very truly yours,

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

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W. R. McCollum, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is vice president, Oconee Nuclear Station, 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 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 5th day of
November, 1998



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