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July 14, 2015

Mr. Christopher J. Wasik  
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SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, ACCEPTANCE OF RELIEF REQUEST 15-ON-001 FOR REVIEW (TAC NOS. MF6374 AND MF6375)

Chris:

By letter dated June 12, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15169A860), Duke Energy requested the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to authorize relief from Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code for the repair of low pressure service water piping identified in Relief Request No. 15-ON-001. The contingency relief request addresses the proposed alternative to encapsulate a section of degrading low pressure service water piping with new pressure boundary material, without removing the degraded piping.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(z)(1) and 50.55a(z)(2) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternative would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

In accordance with NRC's process as described in LIC-109, "Acceptance Review Procedures," the NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of the relief request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has concluded that the subject relief request does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed relief request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If needed, the NRC staff may request additional information to complete its technical review.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-4032.

Sincerely,

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