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Subject: License Renewal
Response to Requests for Additional Information
Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

By letter dated July 6, 1998, Duke Energy Corporation submitted an Application for Renewed Operating Licenses for Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 (Application). Volume IV (Exhibit D) of the Application contains the environmental information required by 10 CFR Part 51. By two letters dated December 29, 1998, the NRC staff identified areas where additional information is needed to complete its review of the Environmental Report contained in Volume IV of the Application.

Enclosure 1 to this letter provides responses to requests for additional information (RAIs) that concern alternatives to the proposed action, hydrology, and aquatic ecology (RAIs 1 through 10). Enclosure 2 provides the responses to RAIs that concern terrestrial ecology, human health, socioeconomics, historical / archeological, meteorology, radioactive waste management (RAIs 11 through 30). None of these responses contain any new commitments.

Enclosure 3 to this letter provides the responses to the RAIs that concern severe accident mitigation alternatives (RAIs 31-39). None of these responses contain any new commitments.

If there are any questions, please contact Bill Miller at 704-373-7900 or Bob Gill at 704-382-3339.

Very truly yours,

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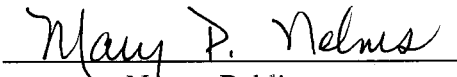
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M. S. Tuckman, being duly sworn, states that he is Executive Vice President, Nuclear Generation Department, Duke Energy Corporation, that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission these responses to NRC requests for additional information concerning the Application to Renew the Facility Operating Licenses of Oconee Nuclear Station submitted by letter dated July 6, 1998; and that all statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief. To the extent that these statements are not based on his personal knowledge, they are based on information provided by Duke employees and/or consultants. Such information has been reviewed in accordance with Duke Energy Corporation practice and is believed to be reliable.



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