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SUBJECT: Maintains position that license fees not required w/proposed Tech Spec changes provided in 801014 & 0624 ltrs, since neither changed operation of facility.

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Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
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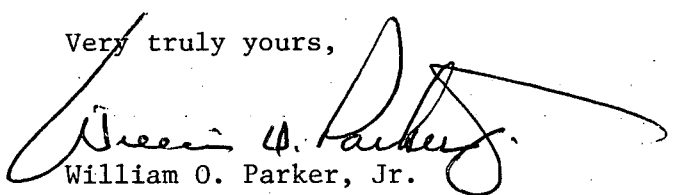
Dear Sir:

By letters dated June 24 and October 14, 1980, Duke Power provided proposed Technical Specification changes in response to an NRC letter dated April 10, 1980. These changes concerned clarification of the existing definition of operable and adding a generically applicable limiting condition for operation and actions required if in a degraded condition.

Neither of the above changed the operation of Oconee. They merely added existing station operating guidance to the Technical Specifications. Inasmuch as the operability requirements had been in effect at Oconee, the change to the Technical Specifications did not enhance "the safe operation of a nuclear facility or to correct a problem or potential problem relating to operation." For Oconee, this proposed change in fact clarifies technical specifications, has only minor safety significance, and is issued for the convenience of the Commission.

In view of the above discussion, it remains our position that license fees are not required with this proposed Technical Specification change.

Very truly yours,


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