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 from performance on annual basis to performance during each
 refueling outage.

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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. R. W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4

Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Sir:

Please find attached a proposed revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) Technical Specifications which concerns modifying certain surveillance requirements from performance on an annual basis to performance during each refueling outage. As the Oconee Units make the transition from the "12-month" fuel cycle to the "18-month" fuel cycle, intervals between the refueling outages grow longer. Consequently, the requirements for annual performance of certain surveillances become more restrictive for those surveillances requiring shutdown conditions.

Duke Power Company wishes to avoid untimely outages of the Oconee Units for surveillance purposes and thus proposes to change the frequency of performance of certain surveillances from "annual" to "refueling outage." An earlier proposal, addressing changes to Specifications 4.0, 4.1, 4.4, and 4.8, was submitted to the Staff for this reason on December 29, 1980. Approval of those changes was provided by your letter of January 28, 1981, as Amendments Nos. 91, 91, and 88 to the Oconee Nuclear Station Licenses Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55. Duke Power has completed a review of the remaining surveillance specifications not addressed by the earlier proposal and has determined those which need to be similarly revised. Proposed revisions of these specifications are attached for the Staff's review and approval. These changes have been compared with the Standard Technical Specifications for Babcock & Wilcox reactors (NUREG 0103, Revision 3), and have been determined to be consistent with the STS surveillance frequencies.

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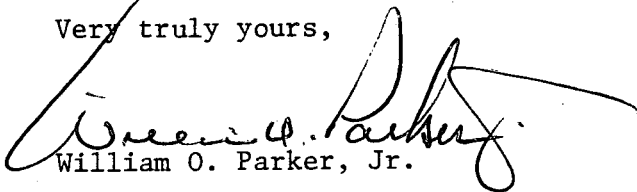
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In addition, Specification 4.10 is attached for approval to change a reference from the "Atomic Energy Commission" to the "Nuclear Regulatory Commission".

Duke Power Company hereby requests that the Staff review the revised specifications which are attached and provide approval by April 15, 1981. This proposed revision to the ONS Technical Specifications is considered to consist of one Class III and two Class I license amendments. Therefore, pursuant to 10CFR 170, §170.12, please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$4,800 for all applicable licensing fees.

Duke Power Company also requests that the status of review on two prior submittals be determined. The prior submittals are dated May 1, 1979 and May 30, 1979, and concern, respectively, minor administrative changes in certain surveillance specifications, and an update of the inservice inspection program currently in use at Oconee Nuclear Station. If the reviews of these submittals are near completion, Duke suggests that approval of these proposals be incorporated with the approval of the attached specifications. However, this suggestion is provided on the condition that such a combination of approvals would not delay approval of the attached specifications beyond the requested April 15 deadline.

Very truly yours,

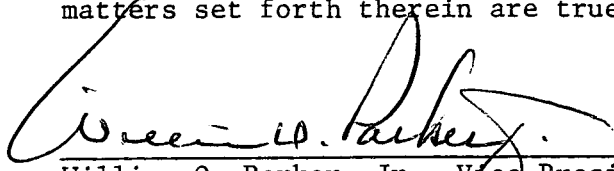


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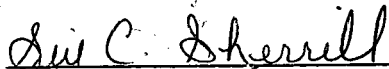
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WILLIAM O. PARKER, JR., being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Power Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specifications, Appendix A to Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-55; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



William O. Parker, Jr., Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of February, 1981.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

September 20, 1984