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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Pressurizer Surge line Thermal Stratification
NRC Bulletin 88-11, Dated December 20, 1988

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit to you the results of our inspection of the Oconee Unit 1 surge line prior to Unit startup expected on February 6, 1989 as requested by Item 1.a of the subject Bulletin 88-11. Action Item 1.a of the Bulletin requires Duke Power Company to conduct a visual inspection of the pressurizer surge line for each unit at the first available cold shutdown after receipt of this bulletin which exceeds seven days. This inspection should determine any gross discernible distress or structural damage in the entire pressurizer surge line, including piping, pipe supports, pipe whip restraints, and anchor bolts. The Bulletin requested that any discernible distress and damage observed per Action Item 1.a along with corrective actions taken or plans and schedules for repair shall be reported to NRC before restart of the Unit.

We have completed a visual inspection of the entire surge line during the Unit 1 EOC-11 refueling outage. The inspection which included surge line piping, pipe supports, pipe whip restraints and anchor bolts did not identify any gross discernible distress or structural damage to any of these components. However, three pipe supports were determined to have loose bolts and/or pipe clamp movements. Our evaluation of the noted discrepancies indicated that loose nuts and clamp movements are not uncommon and are minor in nature.

In our opinion, these discrepancies would have not prevented the piping supports from performing their intended functions and do not present an operability problem. Corrective actions were taken to raise the subject pipe clamps to correct evaluation and the loose bolts and nuts were tightened.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Tucker

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