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Chris:

By letter dated May 4, 2015 (Agency-wide Documents and Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15132A279), Duke Energy (the licensee) requested the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to authorize relief from Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code related to inspection of the inside radius sections of the Letdown Cooler nozzles over the duration of the fifth (ten-year) in-service inspection (ISI) interval. This relief request applies to the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3. The licensee is requesting renewal of previously granted relief requests based on the impracticality of performing inspections in the specified areas.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(g)(6)(i) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), the Commission will evaluate determinations under paragraph (g)(5) of this section that code requirements are impractical. The Commission may grant such relief and may impose such alternative requirements as it determines are authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest giving due consideration to the burden upon the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility.

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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