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NRC draft reports related to the Oconee Emergency
Power System

On July 8, 1996, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and the Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data (AEOD) issued draft reports on their analyses of the Oconee emergency power system and standby shutdown facility. The July 8, 1996, NRC letter stated that a public meeting would be held between the NRC and Duke within approximately 60 days. In addition, a written response was requested within 15 days following the public meeting.

The public meeting between the NRC and Duke was held on September 19, 1996. Therefore, the written response is due by October 4, 1996.

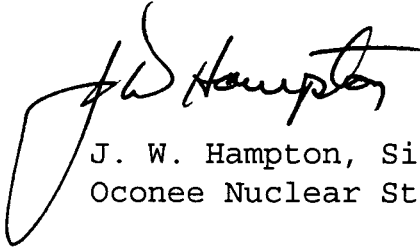
This letter is submitted to notify the NRC of the necessity to extend the due date for the written response. During the public meeting, Duke presented planned actions related to what Duke perceives as the open issues in the draft NRR and AEOD reports. The September 19, 1996, meeting was beneficial in that the NRC clarified Duke's understanding of some of the open issues. In order to address the clarifications that were obtained during the meeting, Duke needs to extend the submittal date for the written response to October 31, 1996.

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Very truly yours,

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