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Subject: Duke Power Company
Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1
Docket No. 50-269
Third Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval
Request for Relief No. 96-03 - Withdrawal

On July 24, 1996, Duke submitted the subject Request for Relief pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a (a) (3) (i), to request relief from ASME Section XI, 1989 Edition, with no Addenda. This Request for Relief was submitted to allow Duke Power to use alternative tests and inspections which provide an acceptable level of quality and safety in lieu of the required ASME Section XI tests and examinations for the Keowee Hydro Station Governor Oil System and Keowee Hydro Station Turbine Guide Bearing Oil System.

After further review of this Request for Relief, it has been determined that relief is not necessary from the code as described above. It has been determined that examinations can be performed on the Keowee Hydro Station Governor Oil System and Keowee Hydro Station Turbine Guide Bearing Oil System under the provisions of Code Case N-498-1. Application of Code Case N-498-1 at Duke was approved by an NRC SER dated April 26, 1995. Therefore, Duke hereby withdraws Request for Relief # 96-03.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Hampton", followed by the word "for" in a smaller, simpler script.

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