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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
SQUG Resolution of USI A-46 (Generic Letter 87-02)
Individual Plant Examination of External Events
(Generic Letter 88-20, Supplement 4)

On May 22, 1992, the NRC Staff issued Generic Letter 87-02, Supplement 1, transmitting the Generic Implementation Procedure (GIP). Adherence to the GIP would provide seismic verification of nuclear plant equipment for the resolution of USI A-46. The transmittal of Supplemental Safety Evaluation Report No. 2 (SSER No.2) on the GIP to the Seismic Qualification Utility Group (SQUG) included the request that all utilities provide to the NRC within 120 days, a schedule for the implementation of the GIP. In a letter dated September 21, 1992, Duke Power Company stated that the GIP would be implemented at Oconee Nuclear Station by December 31, 1995.

In a letter dated October 3, 1995, Duke Power updated the NRC Staff on the progress of the resolution to USI A-46 and revised the submittal date for the USI A-46 report to December 31, 1996. A partial USI A-46 report was submitted as an attachment to a letter dated December 30, 1996. The partial submittal covered the emergency power equipment which is located at the Keowee Hydro Units and in the Oconee switchyard. The partial submittal did not include any equipment at Oconee from the high side of the startup

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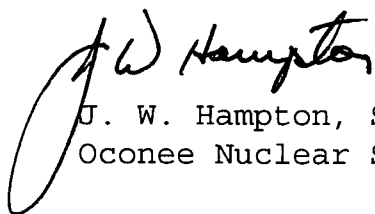
transformers (CT-1, CT-2, CT-3) and underground transformer (CT-4).

In the letter dated December 30, 1996, Duke Power indicated that an expected date for submittal of the remaining portion of the USI A-46 report would be provided to the NRC by March 31, 1997. The activities to complete the evaluations for the remaining portion of the USI A-46 report have been reviewed. Based on this review, the remaining portion of the USI A-46 report will be submitted by December 15, 1997. The completion date for the resolution of outliers will be provided with the remaining portion of the USI A-46 report.

In a letter dated December 28, 1995, Duke Power submitted the results of the individual plant examination of external events (IPEEE). The IPEEE report included an assessment of relay chatter using the same fragilities as listed in the existing Oconee PRA. The cover letter to the IPEEE report indicated that an addendum to the Oconee IPEEE report was scheduled to be submitted by December 31, 1996, if the relay evaluation in the USI A-46 report indicated any significantly new results in the existing relay chatter fragilities and seismic core damage frequency. Since the remaining portion of the USI A-46 report will not be submitted until December 15, 1997, the IPEEE addendum submittal has been extended to allow for completion of the USI A-46 report. Duke Power will submit an addendum, if necessary to the IPEEE report by December 31, 1997.

Please address any questions on this submittal to Michael Bailey at (864) 885-4390.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. W. Hampton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

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